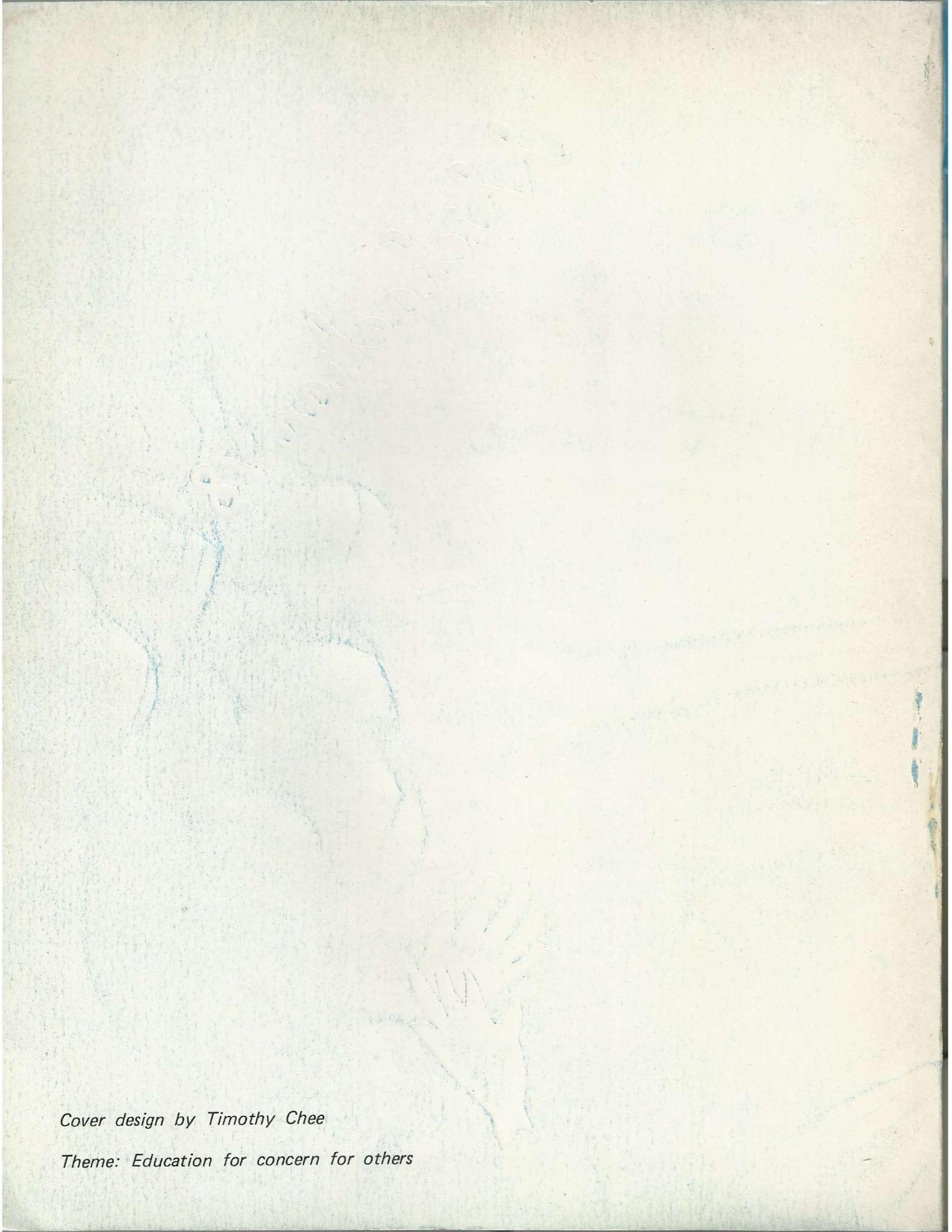


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EDITORIAL

PRAYER OF ST. MICHAEL Another school year draws to a close and once again our annual magazine makes its appearance as our attempt to chronicle some of the events and activities which made this year so meaningful and memorable for us all.

St. Michael Archangel, defend us in the hour of conflict; be our sure defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God with you, who you are, defend us in this battle. We humbly pray; and through the intercession of the Prince of the heavenly host, O Prince of the heavenly host, we implore you to defend us.

the power of God; thrust down to hell, and, with unifying force of a great tradition, a tradition of personal integrity symbolised in our other spirits who wander school motto: QUIS UT DEUS.

the world for the ruin of souls. It was a year in which we greeted a new Brother Visitor, Brother Michael Jacques, long associated with SMI, a new Bishop, Msgr Soter Fernandez and a new Pope, Pope John Paul II.

Among our losses we must mention Mr. Eric Gomez whose untimely death clouded our Hari Raya celebrations and left a bereaved wife and family. We must mention too the departure of Brother Casimir for SXI Penang after fifteen years of devoted service in the classrooms of SMI, on the playing field and directing stage productions: most of all his guiding hand was appreciated in the editing of the Michaelian, a task he performed for fifteen years with characteristic dedication and fidelity.

Our special theme for 1978 was EDUCATION FOR CONCERN FOR OTHERS. It helped us to focus attention not only on the mystery of our own personal growth but to respond as well to the call to participate in the growth of others. These pages reflect something of the spirit of this theme.

We wish to thank the many teachers and students who helped us in one way or another in the production of this magazine, in particular Brother Director U Paul for his much valued advice and encouragement.



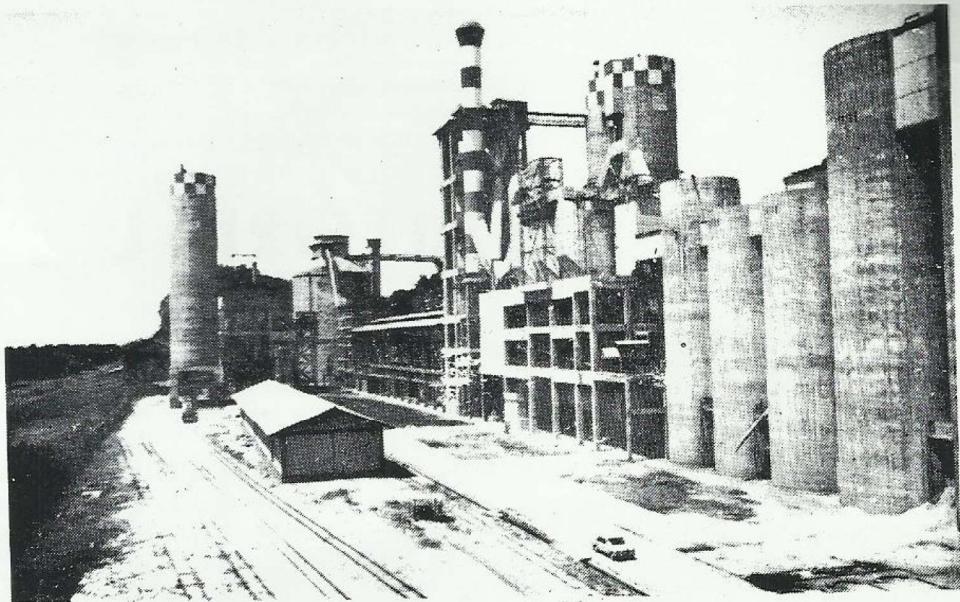
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St. Michael Archangel, defend us in the hour of conflict; be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God restrain him, we humbly pray; and do you, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God; thrust Satan down to hell, and, with him, the other spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls.

Amen.



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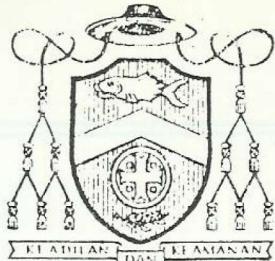
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MESSAGE FROM BISHOP A. S. FERNANDEZ

I have been kindly requested by your Headmaster, Rev. Bro. Ultan Paul, for a message for the school's annual magazine and I am glad to do so.

The message is about CONCERN FOR THE POOR. It is said that Asia has 3/5 of the world population but enjoys only 1/8 of the world's wealth. It has been called a continent of poverty. According to the statistics given in the Third Malaysia Plan 49% of the households in Malaysia are below the poverty line. This means that these people do not have the basic needs of food, housing and health facilities.

The Federation of Asian Bishops' Conference had this to say in 1974: "The overwhelming majority of our people in Asia are poor. But let it be clearly understood what we mean by 'poor'. Our people are not poor as far as cultural tradition, human values and religious insights are concerned. In these things of the spirit, they are immensely rich. But our people are poor in this sense: the overwhelming majority of them are deprived of access to the material goods they need for a truly human life, and even access to the resources they need to produce these goods for themselves. We use the word 'deprived' deliberately. Our people are deprived of the goods and opportunities to which they have a right, because they are oppressed. They live under economic, social and political structures which have injustices built into them."

In a paper written by Professor Teoh Jin Inn of the University of Malaya, he tells us that "because of low income below subsistence level, poor people feel powerless, unable to secure a better way of life. It leads them to feel hopeless and worthless, even to being apathetic and totally dependent though a minority of the urban and rural poor react with hostility to the situation. Some build a lot of resentment against the upper classes as they feel they are alienated from society which tells them that they have nothing to contribute. The majority learn to say, "I am a poor person and therefore I cannot help it. We are a poor people."

Having had a glimpse at the reality of poverty in the Asian and Malaysian context, understanding what 'we' mean by 'poor' and knowing the mentality of the poor, it remains for us to ask ourselves 'how do we look at the Poor?' Do we generally ignore them? patronise them? perceive them as an evil in society? treat them with contempt? trust and respect them as TRUE HUMAN BEINGS?

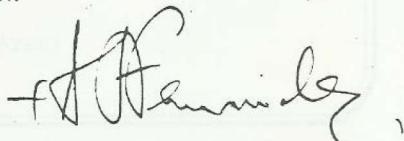
Genuine concern for the poor will depend very much on our attitude towards the poor and therefore it is very important. This implies that we should strive to have a concrete knowledge of the economic, social, political, cultural and religious situation of the various human groups among whom we live. We are responsible not merely as persons for other people, but also for the political and economic structures that bring about poverty, injustice and violence. Today our responsibility has a new dimension because men now have the power to remove the causes of evil, whose symptoms alone they could treat before. That is why, for example, the New Economic Policy calls for eradication of poverty and restructuring of society.

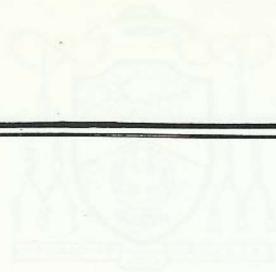
Genuine concern for the poor does not mean merely to work for the poor. It does mean to work with the poor and therefore to be with them and to learn from them their real needs and aspirations. It does not mean cutting off contact with the middle and upper classes and the educated and abandoning efforts to influence them. It does mean influencing these minorities to share our concern that the poor be enabled to participate in the decisions that vitally affect them. But it may mean denouncing and opposing them if they refuse to share this concern.

The basis of this genuine concern for the poor is none other than the respect for the dignity of man and his rights. It can better be expressed as 'each man is my brother, each man is my friend.' Religion gives a foundation, in justice, to the cries of the have-nots when it recalls for us that all men are the sons of one heavenly Father, and that they are all brothers. Only religion can remind the rich man that he is the steward of his possessions, and not their despotic master; that the products which issue from these possessions must, in an equitable way, provide for those who are in need of them.

Let each one examine himself, to see what he has done up to now, and what he ought to do. We have heard the saying: 'Charity begins at home.' However, yesterday's charity is today's justice and today's charity is tomorrow's justice! My brother's right becomes my duty, not just for today but everyday!

I hope this message of mine will help in creating an awareness of the situation, wherever you are and whatever you do, urge you on to analyse the situation, considering not so much the problems as the persons with problems, and lead you to action.


(Bishop A.S. Fernandez)



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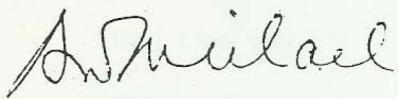
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MESSAGE
FROM
BROTHER MICHAEL JACQUES - VISITOR

Following on my address to you, Michaelians, on your Speech Day — 1978, I would like to add a few thoughts to round off the ideas that I hoped to inseminate on that occasion.

When I stated that "participation and involvement in student activity are essential elements of the educational process of learning to learn and growth in maturity," I saw very well how this ties up with the ideal that has been placed before you all this year. In fact, 'concern for others' must be an inseparable part of the desire to participate and to be involved. No doubt, the various activities of school life are calculated to benefit you personally and very profoundly but, if it stopped there and is not heavily permeated by an admixture of concern for others, of the spirit of service and the desire to give as much as you receive, such otherwise healthy activity would soon degenerate into pure selfishness with its ugly manifestations of ambition for power, busy-bodied interference, forgetfulness of the feelings of others, inability for any teamwork and other undesirable manifestations which could wreck the work of others and compromise their usefulness to the community at large. "Do unto others as you would like others to do unto you", is the perfect slogan to inspire all participation and involvement whose end result should be to make this world a happier and better place than when you found it. That should be the common mission of all of us.



(Bro. Michael Jacques)
Visitor

MESSAGE

FROM

MR. A. S. YEO J.P.

Perhaps more important than achieving academic excellence is the necessity for students to be well disciplined and to adhere to a code of good conduct and high moral principles, bearing in mind the sinking standards of behaviour and moral decay that is setting in on our society to-day. We, in St. Michaels, have always held this to be important, so that those under our charge will not be termed decadent. I hope my message to you this year is apt and timely.



A. S. YEO J.P.
Chairman,
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BROTHER DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

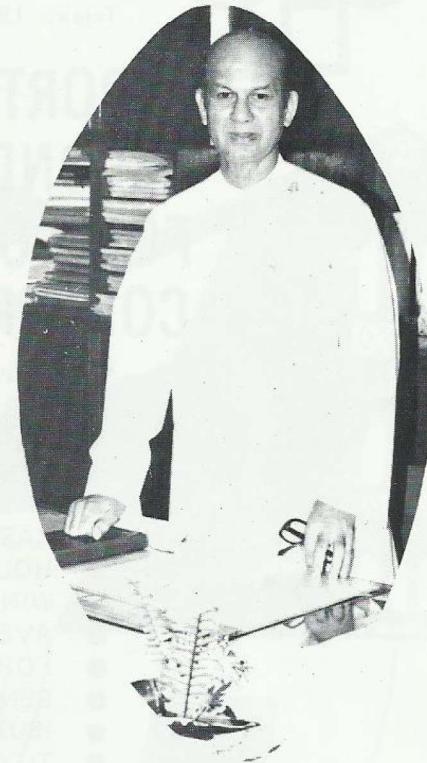
The academic year that is slowly rolling by has brought us many varied experiences. Some have been satisfying and encouraging like the achievements of students in public examinations; others have been challenging like the retirement of teachers and the arrival of new ones. Some, like the sudden loss of two members of our staff — Mr. Lai Sam Meng and Mr. Eric B. Gomez, RIP, have brought us to the reality of eternity. Others again have brought us to the extra curricular side of school life, with the activities of the uniformed and non-uniformed units and the different societies that enrich school life. The lighter side of school brought us on to the stage in Variety Concerts, Choral Singing and the Flower Drum Song.

These pages of the Michaelian intend giving us a cross section of school activities for the year 1978 and it is the hope of the editorial board that our readers will find the perusal of this publication interesting and informative.

This year saw the passing of Pope Paul VI — one who had a heavy responsibility and steered his way on a course of moderation. History will undoubtedly show his contribution towards achieving world peace and mutual understanding. The new Pope John Paul I has chosen as his rallying call — "Order and Discipline" twin characteristics so much needed today. May God bless him and his work.

This present issue is dedicated to the new Bishop of Penang, Rev. Anthony Soter Fernandez. We assure him of our help, co-operation and prayers for the effective discharge of his taxing responsibility. We wish him a happy term of office. His concern for people reminds us of our own motto for 1978 — Education for Concern for People.

There is much we can do for others but sometimes we are inclined to forget. Perhaps as we browse through these pages of the Michaelian, we may be able to remember times, places, situations, circumstances and events and bring ourselves to recall the oft-quoted passage:



"I shall pass through this world but once. Therefore, if there be any kindness, I can show or any good thing I can do, let me do it now; let me not defer it or neglect it for I shall not pass this way again."

The Japanese have a pleasant way of saying this "One kind word can warm three winter months". Someone else puts it thus, "Be kind; remember every one you meet is fighting a hard battle."

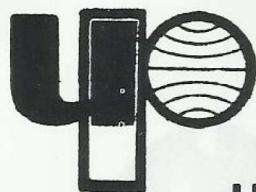
A word of thanks and appreciation to all who helped to make 1978 a pleasant one. A heart of sympathy and a supportive clap for all those who suffered in one way or another. A hand of encouragement to all who are trying to do well.

God bless you all.

Quis Ut Deus

BROTHER U. PAUL

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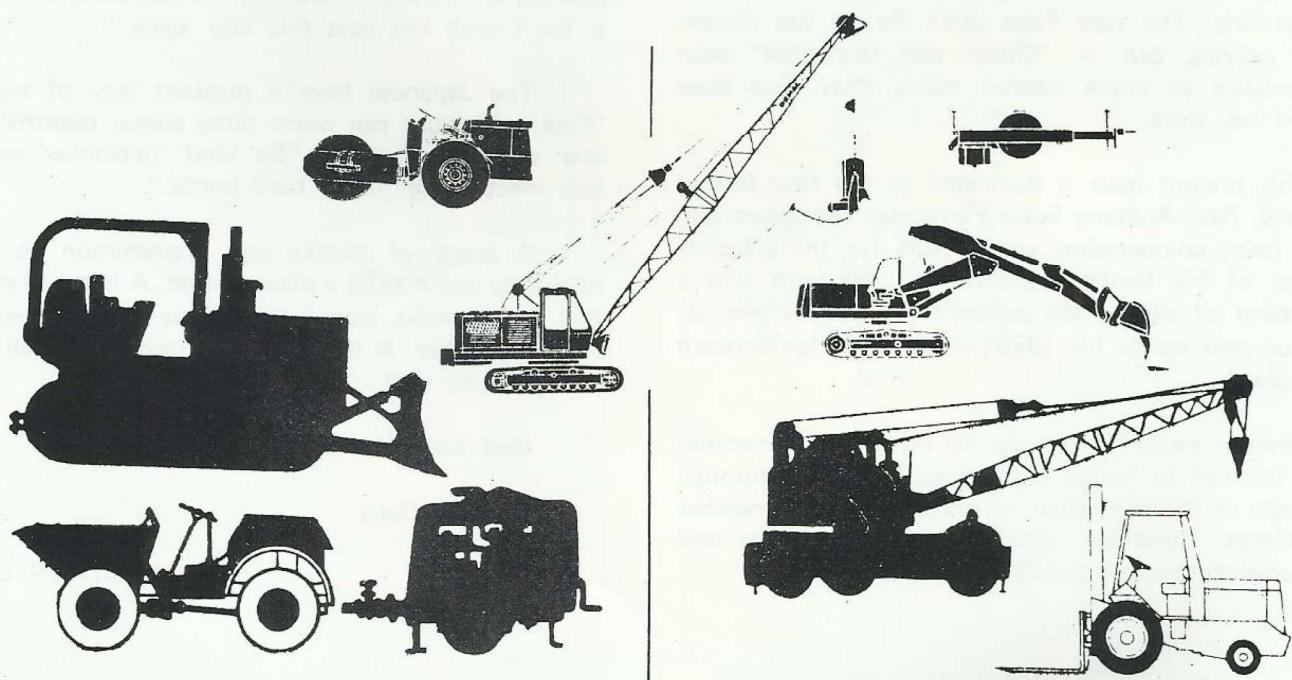
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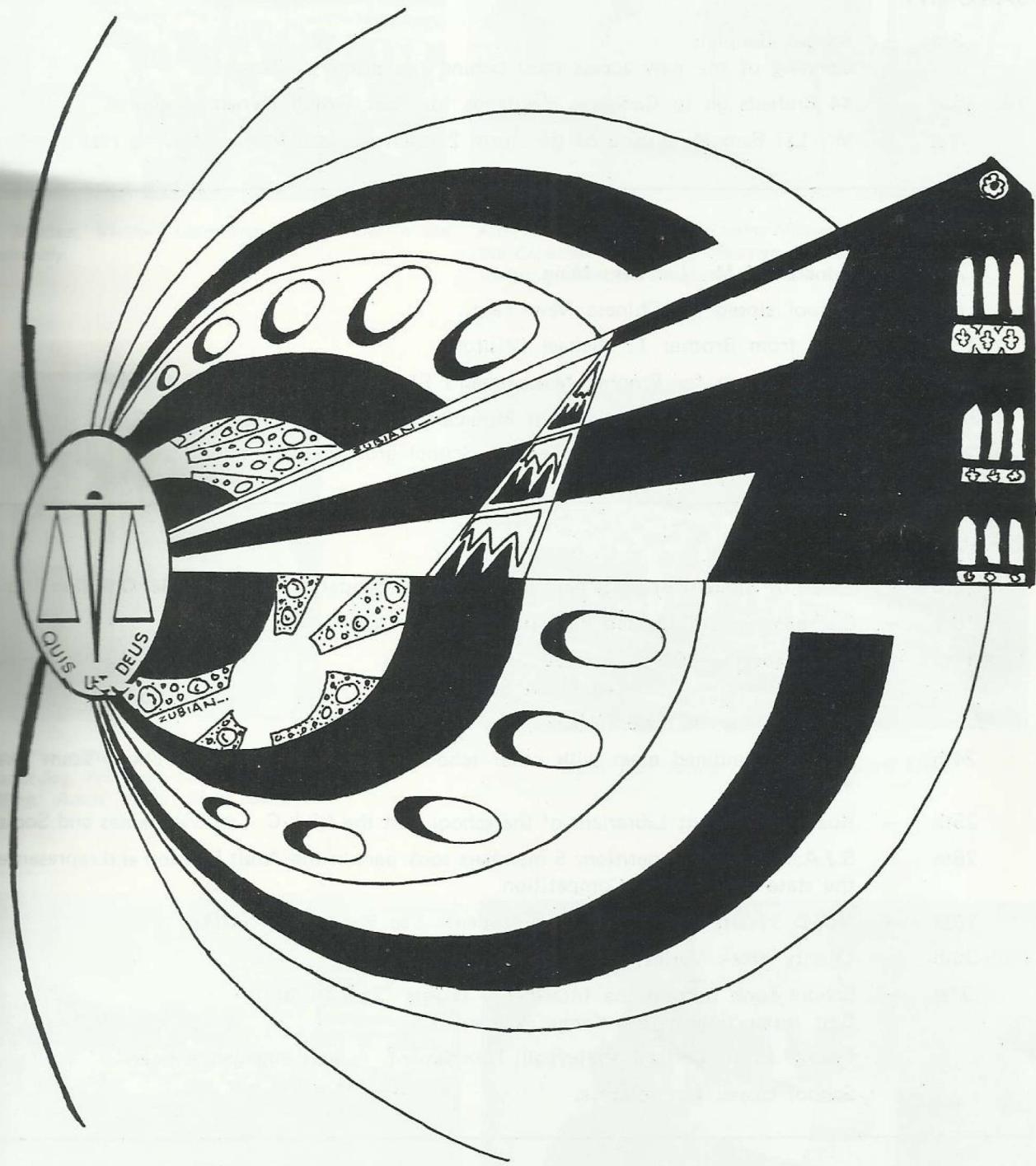
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MICHAELIAN ROUNDUP

DIARY 78

JANUARY

3rd — School Reopens.
Opening of the new access road behind the primary school.

13th-15th — 44 Prefects go to Cameron Highlands for their Group Dynamics course.

31st — Mr. Lai Sam Ming, one of the Form 2 teachers, passed away. May he rest in peace.

FEBRUARY

2nd — Funeral of Mr. Lai Sam Ming.

6th — School closed for Chinese New Year.

13th — Visit from Brother T. Michael (Visitor).

20th — School closed for Prophet Muhammad's Birthday.

22nd — Hockey under-18 finals at Ipoh Municipality Field. SMI lost to MHS 0-1.

28th — Football under-15 finals at Technic School ground.

MARCH

3rd — Finals of Interact Beatnite held in The Dewan Bandaran. Overall winner Ooi Mun Thow.

6th — 6 Trainees from Maktab Perguruan Kinta arrived.

11th — H.S.C. results. 86% — Science 58% — Arts.
Top student — Khoo-Tan Hoon Seng — 4As.
P.T.A. dinner at School Hall.

24th — I.S.C.F. combined meet with other school's I.S.C.F. in the hall. "Logos Team" was invited.

25th — Board of Student Librarians of the school host the I.S.L.C. Carnival Games and Social.

26th — S.J.A.M. State Competition: 5 members took part in the Adult Division and represented the state for National Competition.

29th — M.C.E. results out. 57.5%. Top student: Lee Soon Tin — 10As.

29th-30th — Charity Week Variety Performance.

31st — School took part in the Interschool Drama Competition.
Best supporting Actor: Kamar Azman.
Fourth Form Council Volleyball Tournament. 4 Sc.3 emerged winner.
School closed for holidays.

APRIL

1st — Brother Vincent leave for a well-deserved holiday to Ireland.

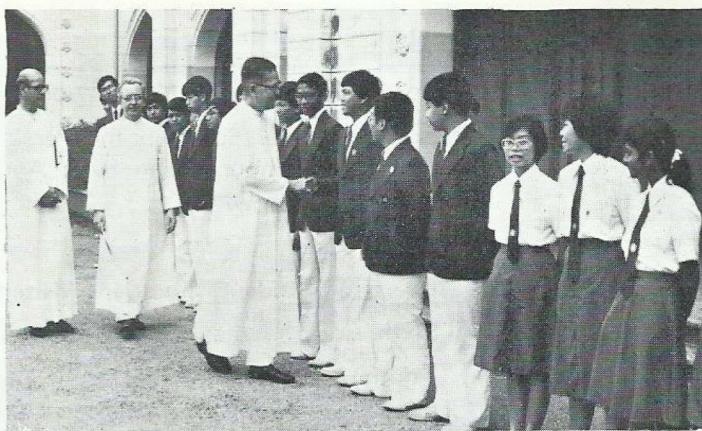
6th — S.J.A.M. National Competition in Bangi (University Kebangsaan) Selangor when the five members who represented the state took part.

17th — School reopens for the 2nd term.
Lower Sixers came in.

28th — March-past rehearsal for the School sport.



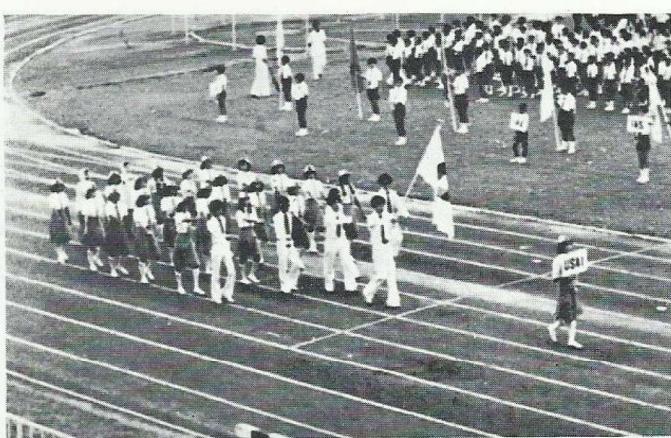
Rev. Bro. Michael, Visitor, addressing the students in the morning assembly.



First official visit of Rev. Brother Michael Jacques, Titular Visitor of the Christian Brothers in Malaysia, Singapore & Hongkong. Brother Visitor is inspecting the guard of honour by the Prefects.



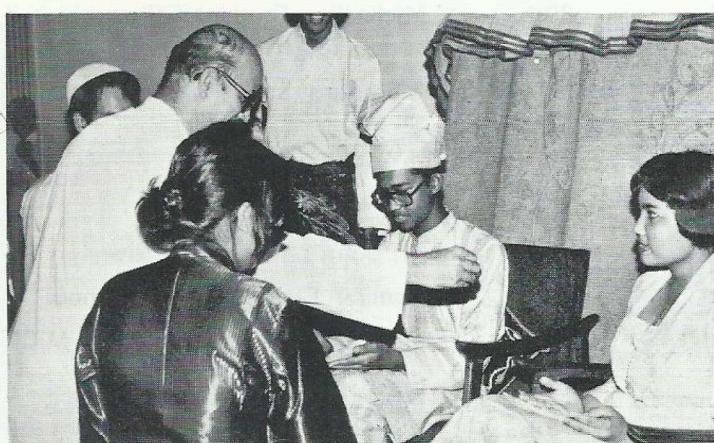
(From left to right): Adult L/Cpl Leong Wai Sum, Cadet Seg. Teh Hean Yik, Adult/Cpl Yap Chee Ming, Adult L/Cpl Wong Seng Kin.



March past during the Annual Sports Meet.



Military Band during the Youth Day.



Teacher's Day Celebration.

MAY

2nd — Lower Six Social in the school hall.

5th — School Annual Sport in the Perak Stadium.
Guest of Honour: Tuan Syed Abu Bakar Barakbah K.M.N., Director of Education, Perak and his wife.

12th — Bomb scare.
Board of Student Librarians visited the libraries of C.H.I.J., M.G.S. and A.C.S.

13th — Sixth Form Games. SMI vs SAS in Teluk Anson.

15th — Youth Day Rally in the Municiple Field. School sent Form 2 and 4 boys. Military Band and Gymnastic Group give performance.

16th — Teacher's Day. Special Assembly. Games between students and the teachers. Variety show for them.

26th — Farewell to Mr. S. Julianose who start his retirement today.
Table-tennis final in Perak Girl's School between S.M.I. and Sam Tet. S.M.I. won: 5-3.

29th — Farewell to Mrs. Chin Kee Yin after 27 years service.
P.T.A. Annual General Meeting.
A big group of 430 students donate blood to Our Lady's Hospital.

JUNE

5th — Mid-Year Exam for Forms 1, 2 and 3.

9th — The Raja Di Hilir Perak, Raja Ekram Ibni Al-Marham Sultan Yussuf Izzudin, passed away peacefully at his residence. As a mark of respect, today is declared a public holiday for Perak.
Rotary Shield Debate Final in A.C.S. hall between S.M.I. and T.C.S.

12th-15th — Mid Year Exam for Form 4.

15th — Interact Night Barbecue.

16th — Librarians fund-raising project: "Car-Wash" for teachers.

19th-22nd — S.R.P. English Oral.

29th — Feast of St. Paul. Variety Show for Brother Director. Special Assembly.

30th — Michaelian Student Fellowship had their Group Dynamics course in Cameron Highlands conducted by Brother Francis.
Librarians had their Group Dynamics course in school conducted by Brother Paul.

JULY

1st-2nd — St. John's Flag Day drive.

8th — General Election — the school is used as one of the voting centres.

11th — Mr. G. Soosai talks on the M.C.E. B.M. paper in the hall.

12th — Form 2 open-day.

13th — Form 3 open-day.

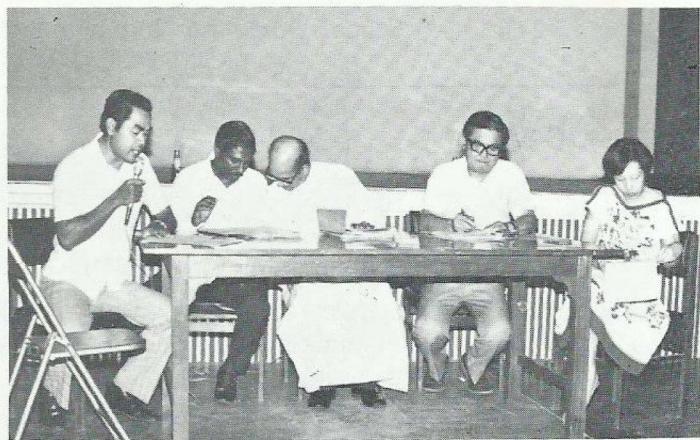
14th — Election of the Head Prefect 1978/79
Results: Head Prefect — James Teh
Asst. Head Prefect — Kenneth Yip

17th — Open-day for Form 4.

19th-21st — Sixth Form Arts Council's Production: "Show for All Seasons."



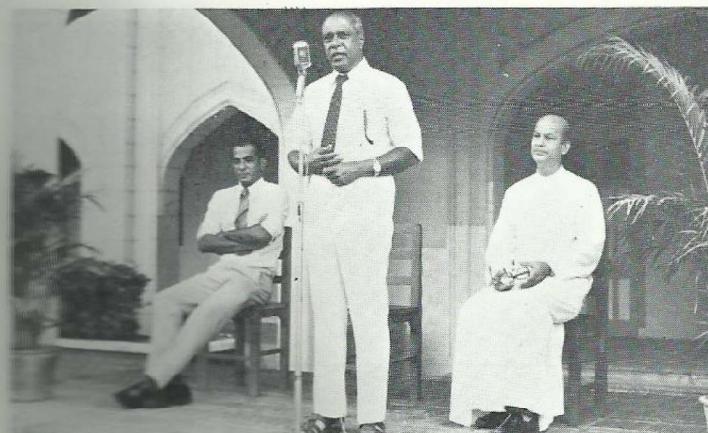
Tokens of thanks from students.



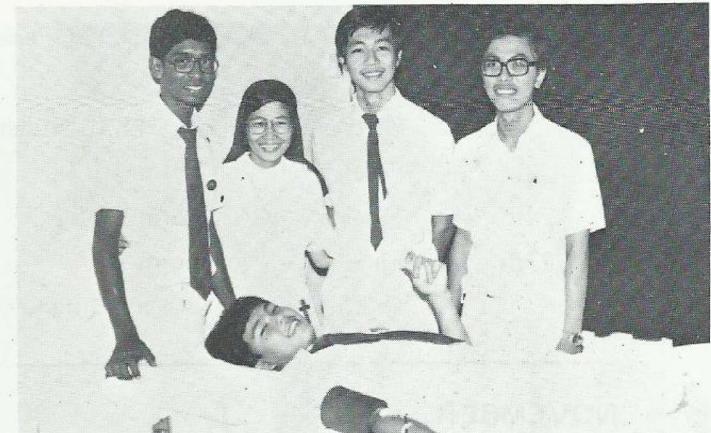
Old Committee members of P.T.A. Brother Director Paul discusses with the President, Dr. Joseph.



Mrs. Adele Poi, a representative of the P.T.A., hands a typewriter Bro. Director, wishing Mrs. Chin from Primary I, happy retirement. to Bro. Paul on behalf of the P.T.A.



Mr. Julianose giving his farewell speech and advice to students.



Kong Chee Seng, the School U-18 Hockey Captain, joyfully donate 1 pint of blood.

20th — Annual Aquatic Meet at Kinta Swimming Club.

21st — School closed for 2nd term holidays.

AUGUST

1st-3rd — I.S.C.F. Retreat held in the school.

6th — Death of Pope Paul VI. Lord have mercy on him.
Brother Pius, former SMI Director, arrives from Hongkong for extended visit.

7th — School reopens for the 3rd Term.

In respect to the death of Pope Paul VI, school flag was held at half mast. School is dismissed at 12.25 pm.

8th — Fourth Form Science Quiz organised by the Science Society. 4 Sc.4 emerged winner.

9th — Beginning of the trial Exams for M.C.E. and H.S.C. students.

18th-20th — Interactors had their Group Dynamics in Cameron Highlands.

25th — Farewell Social for the Upper Sixth Formers. 29 silver spoons were given out.

29th-10th Sept. — The school stages "The Flower Drum Song."

SEPTEMBER

4th — Sudden death of Mr. Eric Boniface Gomez, who died of a heart attack, Lord have mercy on him.

5th — Funeral of Mr. Eric Gomez.

11th-14th — M.C.E. Bahasa Malaysia Oral.
S.R.P. Trial Exam.

25th-28th — M.C.E. English Oral.

29th — The death of Pope John Paul I.
Feast of St. Michael.

30th — Annual Speech Day.
Old Boys' Annual Reunion Dinner.

OCTOBER

3rd — Bishop Soter Fernandez of Penang addresses the school and joins the staff for tea.

10th-17th — S.R.P. begins.

17th — Practical exams for H.S.C. students.

23rd — Final Exam for Form 1.

24th — Final Exam for Form 2.

27th — Final Exam for Form 4.

M. C. E. practical for Form 5 students

NOVEMBER

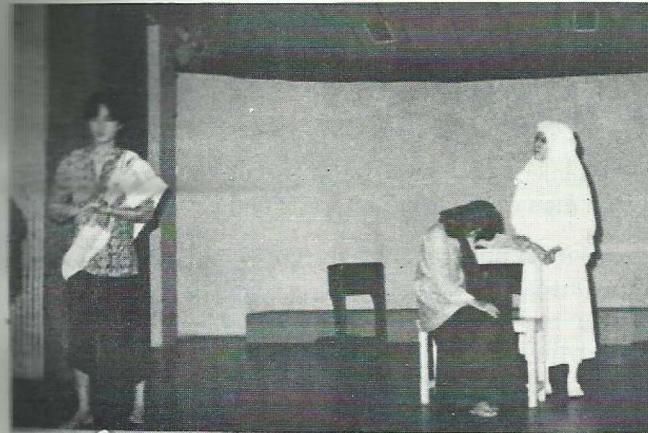
6th — Final Exam for Form 6.

10th — School closes for the year.

14th — Malaysian Certificate Examination (M.C.E.) begins.

15th — Higher School Certificate (H.S.C.) starts for the Arts Stream.

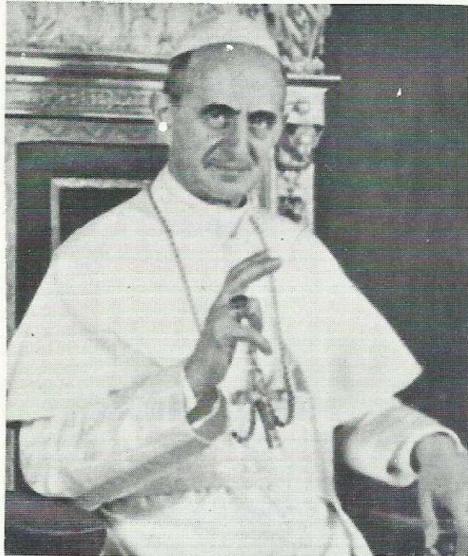
16th — H.S.C. starts for the Science Stream.



A scene from "Dogs of War" staged by the ADAMS during Feast of St. Paul.



Librarian Group Dynamics held in the school.



Death of His Holiness Pope Paul VI. R.I.P.



Bro. Paul's Feast Day. The Lady Head Prefect, M. Saras, presenting to Bro. Director a bouquet of flowers and a pewter vase.



Look who is in S.M.I.? It's no other than Rev. Bro. Pius, the former Bro. Director (1955-1960). He is holidaying in Ipoh for 2 months and will stay for the Old Boys' Reunion Dinner. Seen in this picture is Rev. Bro. Vincent who was also a former Bro. Director (1971-1976).

BROTHER CASIMIR GOES ON TRANSFER

Brother Casimir's personal association with St. Michael's Institution began in March 1952 when he came on transfer from St. Xavier's Institution, Penang to take charge of the senior class. After some four years he left Ipoh, only to return again in March 1962 and remain until December of last year. And so he was a member of the teaching staff for a full twenty out of the past twenty-five years.

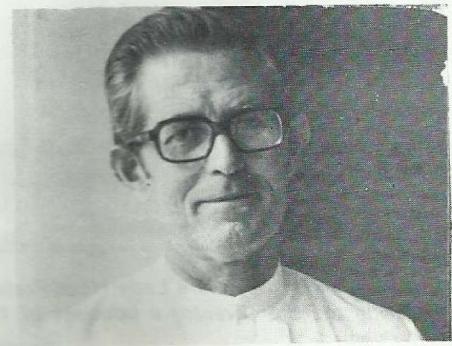
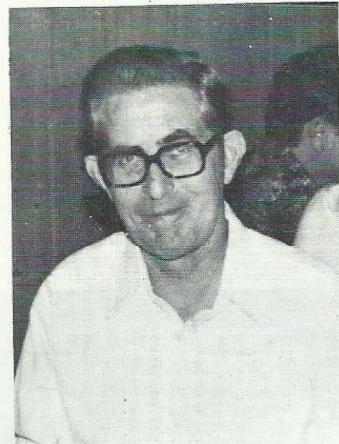
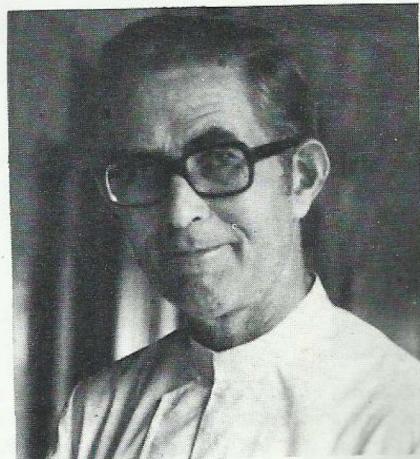
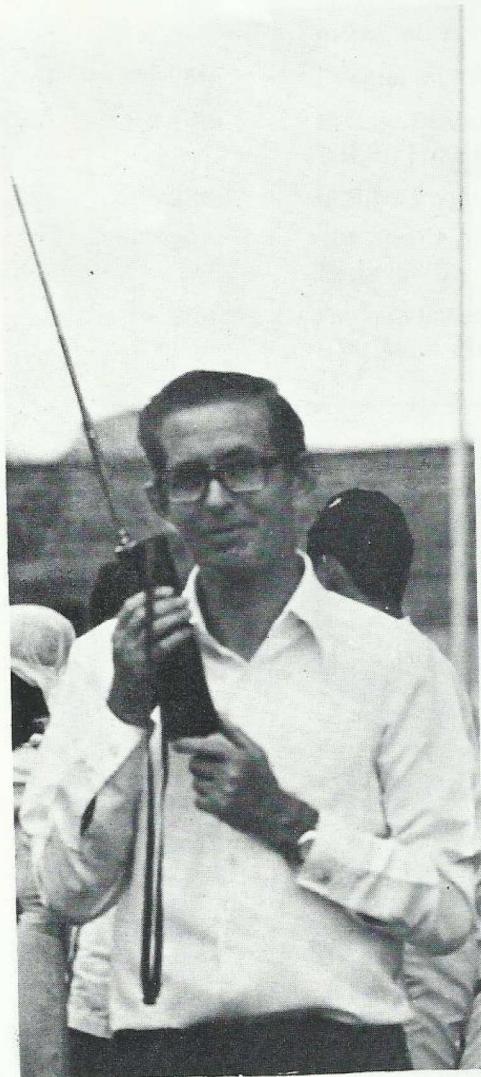
He was always a popular figure at St. Michael's, firm when necessary, genial by nature but ever with the welfare of the school and its students at heart. He will be remembered by large numbers of Michaelians whom he taught in the classroom, by others whom he coached on the playing field and by others again who shared in the thrills

and excitement of several stage productions over the years. He was a man of manifold interests and activities.

His most notable contribution was perhaps the annual school magazine which he produced with unfailing regularity and completeness year after year, an excellent record of the history of the school and of its progress over the years.

We wish to place on record our debt of gratitude to Brother Casimir and our appreciation for his years of dedicated service to the school. We hope to see him return to us again some day.

God bless you, Brother Casimir.



OBITUARIES



MR LAI SAM MING

The school mourned the death this year of Mr Lai Sam Ming. He had been a member of the teaching staff since 1952 and was always notably dedicated in his work. Many will remember him as a highly effective science teacher, others will remember still further back when he was for some years the Moderator for the form one classes, a post he filled with exceptional distinction and a high sense of responsibility. He was a quiet man. We extend our sincere condolences to the members of his family. God rest his soul.

MR ERIC BONIFACE GOMEZ

Mr Eric Boniface Gomez passed away suddenly as a result of a heart attack on September 4 and the news of his death was a major shock to the school and to all his many friends. Ever since he joined the staff in 1959 he has given of his very best in service to the school. He shone as a senior English language teacher and put a great deal of effort into his work. The proud unbeaten record for interschool debating for form six was due to his special gift in this field and to his devotion to duty. More recently he was given charge of the school library and in a period of a few years he has given a new tone to the library and its various services. He was also for some years the head of the languages department in the school and took much trouble in relating to the teachers of English and in monitoring progress all round. He was a man of principle and deeply religious. We extend our sincerest condolences to his wife and children.



R.I.P.



SPEECH DAY

The annual prize-giving ceremony took place this year on 30 September and was held in the morning, commencing at 9.00 with an inspection of the various uniformed units by Brother T. Michael, Visitor, who was our chief guest for the occasion. The uniformed units put on a colourful display of order and good discipline and set the pace for the remaining programme for the day.

In the hall the guests were already seated. The programme included a message from the chairman of the Board Mr. Yeo Ah Seng. Brother Director U. Paul gave the annual report. This was followed by an address by Brother T. Michael.

The prizes were given away by Brother T. Michael. The programme then continued with a selection of colourful items, including dances and a musical sketch. The guests were then led to see an exhibition by various groups of the work of the students, academic groups as well as the uniformed groups.

BROTHER DIRECTOR'S SPEECH

Yang Berbahagia Rev. Bro. Michael Jacques, Visitor CBS — Malaysia, Singapore & Hongkong. Yang Mulia En. Ghazali b. Hanafiah — Pengarah Pelajaran Perak. Yang Berbahagia En. Yeo Ah Seng — Pengurus Lembaga pentadbir sekolah. Yang Berusaha Dr. P.G. Joseph — Yang di-Pertua Persatuan Ibubapa-guru Sekolah St. Michael & ahli-ahli jawatankuasanya, datuk-datuk, datin-datin, dzif-dzif kehormat, guru-guru, tuan-tuan & puan-puan sekalian.

Terlebih dahulu, saya ingin mengucapkan ribuan terima kasih kepada para hadirin yang telah sudi meluangkan masa untuk bersama-sama kami pada hari yang berbahagia ini untuk menyaksikan upacara ucapan tahunan dan upacara penyampaian hadiah. Kami berasa sangat bertuah kerana yang berbahagia Rev. Bro. Michael Jacques — Visitor CBS Malaysia, Singapore & Hongkong yang baru saja balik dari satu mesyuarat agung di Tokyo 3 hari yang lepas tapi sudi hadir bersama-sama kita di hari ini. Malangnya, Tuan Pengarah Pelajaran Perak tidak dapat hadir hari ini kerana sebab-sebab yang tidak boleh dielakkan. Untuk pengetahuan hadirin semua, Tuan Ghazali baru saja dilantik sebagai Pengarah Pelajaran Perak. Kami mengucapkan setinggi tahniah kepada beliau dan kami berjanji kepada beliau serta pihak Pej. Pel. & Kementerian Pel. yang kami akan memberikan kerjasama sepenuhnya kepada pihak tuan.

Pada hari seperti ini, lazimnya pengetua sekolah memberi satu lapuran mengenai keadaan dan kemajuan sekolah serta aktiviti-aktiviti yang berlaku di sekolah. Untuk menjimatkan masa dan menolong mereka yang berminat informasi dengan perkara-perkara ini telah ditaripkan dan diedarkan kepada para hadirin dalam bentuk satu lapuran. Kami berharap anda akan lebih berpuashati dengan cara yang seperti ini.

Secara umumnya guru-guru dan murid-murid telah pun bekerjasama dengan baiknya; tetapi dalam beberapa bidang matapelajaran seperti Bahasa Malaysia & Bahasa Inggeris serta matapelajaran-matapelajaran dalam aliran sastera terutamanya di tingkatan 4 & 5 keadaannya adalah

lemah & tidak memuaskan. Kami berharap agar ibubapa-ibubapa bekerjasama dan membantu usaha-usaha guru-guru supaya kita dapat hasil yang lebih berkesan.

Dewasa ini, akhbar-akhbar sering menyiaran berita tentang disiplin secara umumnya telah merosot. Keadaan seperti ini tentulah merbahaya oleh itu, kita semua iaitu guru-guru dan ibubapa-ibubapa mestilah berganding bahu untuk membaikinya.

Langkah yang pertama ialah mengawasi disiplin di rumah. Kita mesti pastikan yang anak-anak kita berkelakuan mengikut peraturan, berpakaian kemas dan belajar serta mengulangkaji pelajaran mereka, kerana ini adalah perkara yang wajib. Juga adalah penting bagi kita untuk mengetahui orang-orang atau gulungan yang mereka campuri. Bak kata pepatah Melayu; "Melentur aur biar dari rebungnya — mengajar seseorang mestilah dari kecil lagi."

Pada tiap-tiap tahun Sekolah St. Michael mempunyai satu cogankata dan pada tahun ini cogankata Sekolah ini ialah "Education for Concern for People" iaitu "Pelajaran Demi Kepentingan Manusia Seluruhnya."

Sekarang saya harap tuan-tuan & puan-puan mengizinkan saya menyambung ucapan saya dalam bahasa Inggeris.

Looking at the world today we see many examples of goodness & devotedness. In our own Malaysia context, the Child Hero of the year or the person chosen for the award of the Hang Tuah Medal is one who has done some good deed or has risked his life in some cases to help others, who are in danger of losing their own. We can be sure that for everyone who gets the award there are several others who have done something similarly heroic & have gone by unnoticed & unrewarded. However in contrast to this, we cannot help noticing that violence seems to be so much part & parcel of present day society that we read about it without so much as concern for the victims or for those whom they leave behind.

Hence the motto for the year Education for Concern of Others has its aim in the nurturing of a sense of human feeling for others around us. Nothing in the world about us happens in isolation and without some advantage or disadvantage to us personally. Hence we are all involved in our fellow men.

John Donne the poet has this to say "If a piece of day in Europe falls into the sea, England will be affected. No man is an island, each one a part of the whole."

We had tried to pass this message of concern for others on to our students. Whether we have succeeded or not we cannot tell. Time only can be the judge, when the students of today become the fathers & mothers & the leaders of tomorrow. However, this much we can say that the various groups in the school seem to have caught the idea & do what they can for the more needy & the less fortunate ones. We trust that Almighty God who inspires the young today to heroic deeds which often go unsung, while the less heroic and the more morbid ones are given sensational coverage, will continue to inspire, encourage and support our young people to a greater concern for others irrespective of race, language or creed.

Sekarang saya mengakhiri ucapan saya dengan mengucapkan syukur kepada Tuhan Mahakuasa ke atas semua per-

tolongan yang telah diberikannya kepada kami di Sekolah ini.

Kepada yang berbahagia Rev. Bro. Michael Jaeques Visitor CBS saya bagi pihak sekolah St. Michael mengucapkan ribuan terima kasih oleh kerana beliau sudi bersama-sama kita untuk memberi sepatah dua kata dan menyampaikan hadiah-hadiah kepada murid-murid.

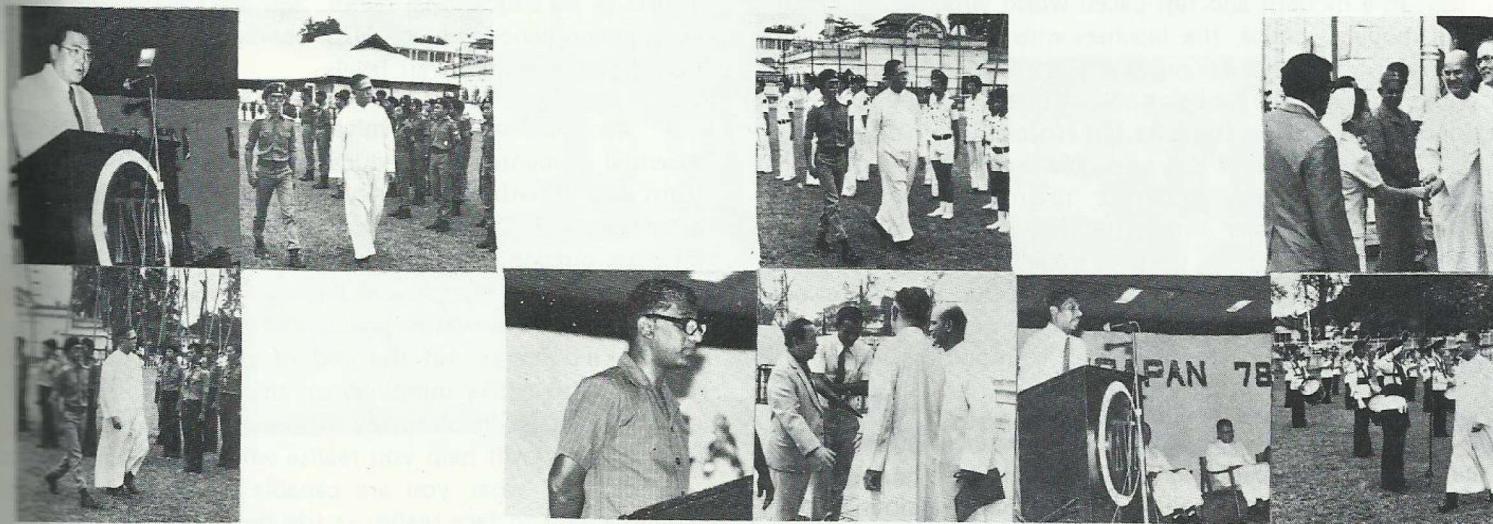
Kepada semua pihak jabatan kerajaan terutama sekali kepada Pengarah Pelajaran Perak — Tuan Ghazali Hanafiah dan pegawai-pegawai yang berkenaan, kami mengucapkan ribuan terima kasih atas pertolongan dan kerjasama mereka.

Juga ucapan terima kasih kepada En. Yeo Ah Seng — Pengerusi Lembaga Pentadbir Sekolah dan kepada Dr. P.G. Joseph Yang Dipertua PIBG dan ahli-ahli jawatankuasa mereka.

Kepada semua yang telah meluangkan masa pada pagi ini, untuk bersama-sama dengan kami saya bagi pihak sekolah St. Michael mengucapkan ribuan terima kasih.

Muga-muga Tuhan berkati kita semua.

Awan gelap semakin pekat
Ayam di bumi sedang berlaga.
Dalam hidup bermasyarakat
Kepentingan bersama wajib dijaga.





SPEECH BY GUEST OF HONOUR, BROTHER MICHAEL JACQUES . VISITOR CBS MALAYSIA, SINGAPORE & HONG KONG

A few months ago, I was privileged to come and visit St. Michael's Institution and to say a few words to staff and pupils assembled before class. Today, I must express my thanks to Brother Director Paul for this second and more formal opportunity to say a few words to you. Perhaps I cannot do better than to take up from where I left off.

Despite my long association with St. Michael's Institution as teacher and the superior of the Brothers in this part of the world, I have to admit that this is one of the few occasions when I have come to your Speech Day. There are many reasons to explain, if not wholly to excuse myself for this lapse, but it makes me all the more happy to be here with you. I am particularly glad for the opportunity to meet so many distinguished guests, Old Boys and parents for they symbolise so well the too easily forgotten idea that education is not just an affair of the school: It is a community responsibility and should be one of its principal concerns.

In a modern and fast-paced world which is acted out in a modern school, the teachers who have in their hands the reputation and the responsibility of a school like this, are concerned, I am sure, not only with imparting knowledge to hordes of faceless students, but especially with developing individual qualities of character and leadership essential in our modern society where a premium is placed on education. In former times, the young were apprenticed to master-craftsmen to learn a trade, to acquire a skill. Today, learning how to learn is the crucial skill to be acquired and to take away, and the men and women who teach it must be master-craftsmen in moulding minds in this direction.

It is generally conceded that **maturity constitutes the essence of academic life**, the priceless goal to be attained, and the capability of genuinely claiming full maturity lies only in the accomplishment of having grown up spiritually, mentally and physically. It is the common aim of St. Michael's Institution with its sister Christian brothers schools all over the country to produce such well-rounded students. This is the principal justification for their continued existence, and it explains why they are nearly everywhere crowded to the point of bursting. Learning to learn and the attainment of maturity is an on-going process.

I am sure that all of you, Michaelians, appreciate and understand what this means in terms of daily effort and constant endeavour.

Development of the mind is achieved by sustained efforts being made to make young people think, think clearly, precisely and truthfully. This last point is very important for to be able to think truthfully is to be able to judge objectively, to be able to reserve judgement and refuse, even in the face of newspaper column, to give an opinion until one knows enough of the facts. It is the enemy of pettiness and deceit, of prejudice and heedless emotion, and it leads to truthfulness of speech which is the precious link binding the minds of persons.

The bringing to maturity of the body is attributed to the cultivation of sports and, in a school like St. Michael's, it is taken for granted that there be no lack of variety and, hence, participation by the pupils must be both immense and intense, but all should subscribe to the idea that there can be no losers: Both victor and loser are winners precisely because of their participation. This is what is known as the sporting spirit and it is part of the process of growing up in body and mind. Consequently, all deceit, rowdiness and violence are totally opposed to sports as an educational factor, and lack of sportsmanship is a phenomenon which must be radically effaced from the sporting scene at all levels.

Participation and involvement in student activity are essential elements of the educational process of learning to learn and growth in maturity. It must be maintained year after year: Groups of ardent students pursuing diverse interests outside of the classroom, developing their talents and making new friends and having a lot of fun all along the way. The bell which signals the end of classes of the formal kind marks not the end of another day. Ardent students with active minds go on thinking, exploring and learning through involvement in extra-curricular activities. This certainly will help you realise who you are and what you are, and what you are capable of, thus making it easier for you to face reality in life both in the future and in the present. You learn not just science and arts but about life: How coming together is beginning, keeping together is progress, and working together leads to success.

School-life is a very full experience but, perhaps, many of you who are leaving will not want to experience it all over again with all its hardships, its demands, the late-night studies, the examinations. But school will ever

remain a part of your memories: They will be vivid, pleasant and inspiring in proportion to your degree of participation. Remember, however that leaving school is only the end of a beginning — may it be for all, when that moment comes, the commencement of an auspicious and hopeful beginning to meet the challenge of life. Our good wishes and our prayers for God's blessings go with you.

I take this opportunity to congratulate all the prize-winners both for their success and the splendid example they have given of assiduity and diligence in studies, of excellent conduct, of sporting prowess and for the spirit of service through membership of the various school societies. I must also congratulate all those in general who will not be receiving prizes today but whose courage and determination pushed the prize-winners to heights they could not have

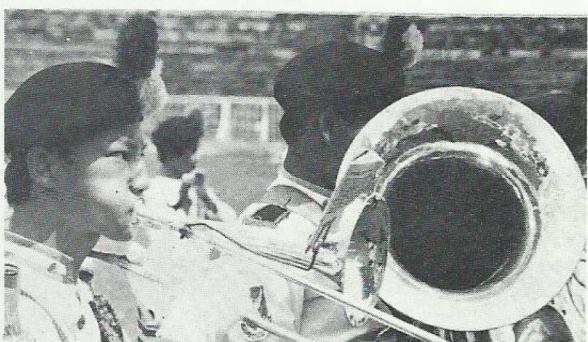
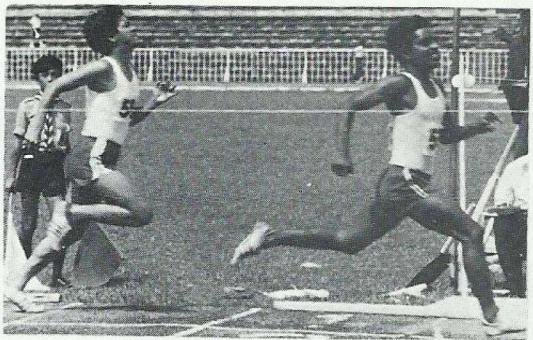
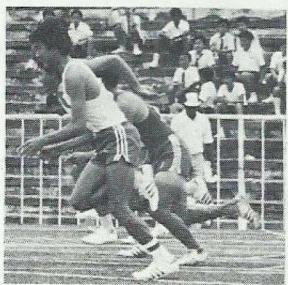
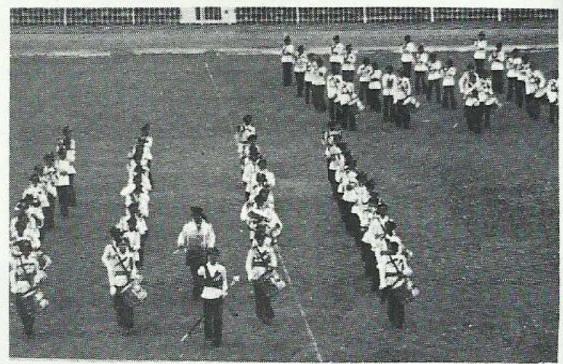
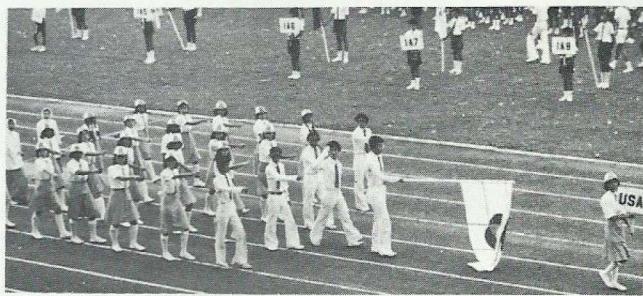
obtained without healthy and implacable competition. Academic prizes are not everything and you may take courage in the fact that today's prize-winners may not necessarily be the ones who will succeed best in the seats of higher learning, nor in the highly competitive world we have to live in today.

Let me end this address with my congratulations and thanks to Brother Director and staff and to all the students who have contributed to make the academic year one of success and achievement in the whole broad field of school activities and studies. May the time ahead add even greater lustre to an already celebrated institution.

Thank you.

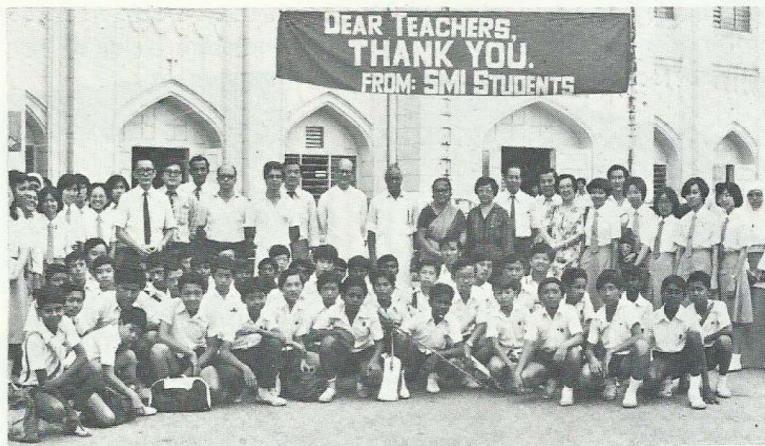


ANNUAL SPORTS MEET



With compliments from Dr. Richard Loh Choo Kim, MBBS. HONS.

TEACHERS' DAY



With compliments from Dr. Lim Cho Luan, MBBS. HONS.

OLD MICHAELIANS' ANNUAL REUNION DINNER

The 1978 annual reunion dinner for old michaelians took place in the Town Hall on the evening of 30 September. As usual there was a very large and enthusiastic attendance of past students representative of year groups as far back as the war and indeed well beyond, including Mr. Tan Boon Kwee, now retired from the teaching staff, who graduated from SMI in 1919.

The chief guest for the evening was Brother T. Michael, Visitor. Also present was Brother U. Paul, director of the school, as well as Brother Pius who is still so well remembered as a very popular figure in Ipoh and a former director. In attendance also were Mr. Andrew Saw and Mr. Chee Weng Weng who were jointly masters of ceremony for the evening.

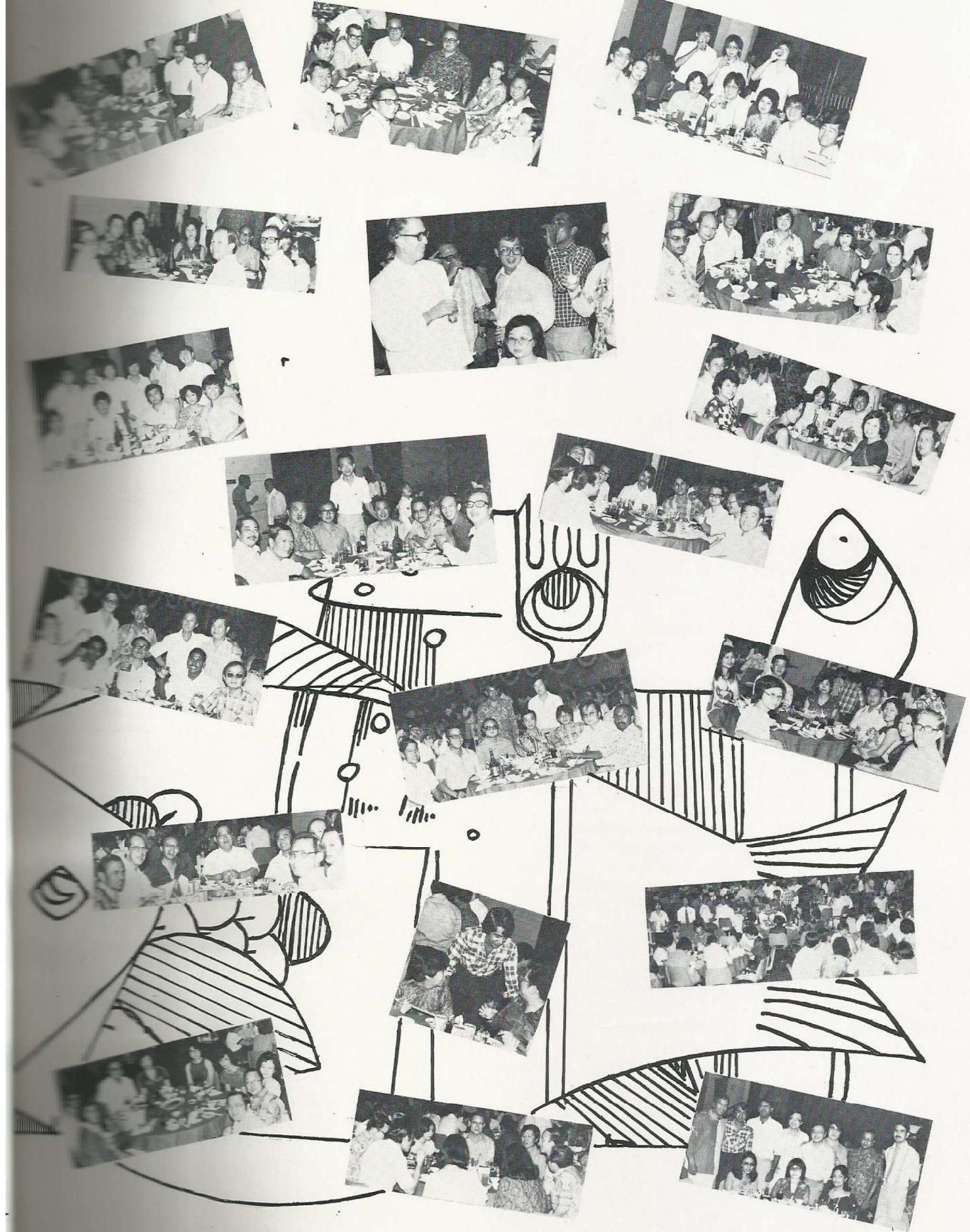
It was the silver jubilee for the 1953 form five group and it was most gratifying that a record number of 81 members of this year group managed to surmount all difficulties and were present to receive the special jubilee

souvenir which was given away by Brother Visitor.

The distinguished speakers included the protom president of the OMA Mr. Lim Keng Kay who was happy to confirm that real progress was being made in obtaining official approval for the OMA, Brother Director U. Paul who gave a progress report for 1978 at SMI, and finally Brother T. Michael, Visitor who emphasised the special mission and contribution of the Brothers' Schools and called for a spirit of solidarity among former students which would make for a force for good in our society. He concluded with a call for consideration for the need for more Brothers and a spirit of generosity on the part of Catholic parents should their sons feel called to join the Brothers.

It was a memorable evening for all concerned and a further proof, if proof were indeed necessary, of the wholesome value of such occasions of fellowship among our past students.





FLOWER DRUM SONG

The Flower Drum Song was staged for the public directly after Hari Raya from the 7th to the 10th September. It will certainly be remembered as one of the most colourful stage productions in recent years, thanks largely to the beautiful costumes which were designed by Mr. Timothy Chee and the dances for which responsibility was shared — Mr. Timothy Chee, Mrs. Josephine Lim Kee Seng, Miss Chong Mei Ling and Miss Cynthia Too.

Outstanding credit goes to Mrs. Josephine Lim who directed the music and to Mr. Khoo Kay Hock who was over-all director of the production, in addition to taking a leading role as Sammy Fong. Apart from Mr. Khoo Kay Hock and Mrs. Soo Fook How, who took the role of Madam Liang, the entire cast was drawn from the students of lower six and form four. It was therefore basically a student production and as such a very notable success. This was due to several factors, notably the spirit of dedication and the imagination of the production team, their willingness to spend hours and days and weeks rehearsing the singing, the acting, and the complex dance movements.

A whole range of people played their part in supporting roles of all kinds: Mr. Louis Liao for sound and lighting, Mr. Tung Kok Cheong as stage manager, Mr. Jinadass for sound, Mr. Cheah Soong Cheong, Mr. Chin Fah Sem and Mrs. Teresa Lee on the business side, Miss Loke Yuet Ling as wardrobe mistress, together with dedicated groups of teachers who saw to the make-up and the Hall management and general security. Cik Azah Fuziyah excelled as secretary.

The enthusiasm of the student participants rose noticeably from performance to performance as their confidence grew and in the final nights for the public there was a remarkable gaiety

and lightness of rhythm which made for superior entertainment.

The show included a Lion Dance provided by the Pera Sim Sun Loke Hup Physical Culture Association: and it was gratifying to note that the members of this troupe were drawn entirely from past and present students of the school. It is impossible to mention all who deserve credit for a major project of this nature — musicians, prompters, stage crew, acrobats, prefects, scouts, cadets, etc. A single golden thread of loyalty to the school united all of them with the minimum of formal organisation. Congratulations to all! For the record the Cast was as follows:-

Madam Liang, (Mrs.) Soo Fook How, Chong Kee Yong; Liu Ma, Chong Siet Fong; Wang San, Raymond Wong Yew Mun; Wang Ta, Yaw Ban Yew; Wang Chii Yang, Toh Cheng Hock; Sammy Fong, (Mr.) Khoo Kay Hock; Dr. Li, Peter Lam Sun Choy; Mei Li, Lee Voon Li; Linda Low, Chong Mei Ling; Mr. Lung (Tailor), Shum Chee Wai; Mr. Huan (Banker), Chow Kit Mun; Helen Chao, Bernadette Saw Jin Sook; Professor Cheng, Sharulnazar Jaafar, Frankie Wing, Kuan Chee Wai; Chong Yee Mun; Head-waiter, Lim Ka Tong; Night-club singer, Nor Hanizah; Dr. Lu Fong, Ng Boon Sun; Madam Fong, Loo Guik Tein; Mei Li (in Ballet), Yeoh Choo Kheng; Acrobats, SRI Gymnastic Club; Chorus: Ladies: Chee Yit Ling, Chua Wei Fiong, Patricia Lim Tet Mui, Mariam Jaafar, Foo Lee Li, Fiong Lee Kuan, Koay Siew Kian, Thong Siew Mun, Teh Siew Queen, Sabita Joshi, Tham Poh Chee, Ng Lee Lian, Hoo Lee Fiong, Suriyat Abdullah, Loo Saw Har, Ng Wai Meng, Ann Elesbeth Fowler, Denise Teh Swan Teen, Wong Phooi Yin, Chong Yean Hooi, Chorus: Men: Lim Ka Tong, Jamaluddin, Shum Chee Wai, Ng Sek San, Wong Eng Khing, Chow Kit Mun, Ong Wei Liam, Tan Tai Ngee, Tham See Min.



"What are we going to do about the Other Generation?" — Wang Chi-yang and Mdm. Liang.

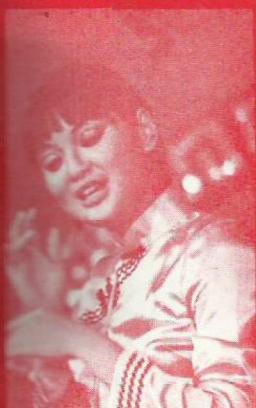
The Lion Dance.



"I will never fail to disappoint you." — Sammy sings to Mei Li.



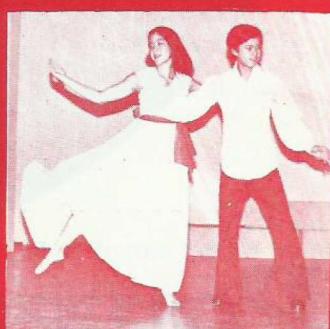
"I would like to speak to my son alone." — Wang Chi-yang.



"My father says . . ." sings Mei Li in the song, 'A Hundred Million Miracles'.



"Chop Suey!" — Mdm. Liang.



Dream Ballet — Mei Li and Wang Ta.



"A Hundred Million Miracles" (finale) — Mei Li sings.

At the Celestial Bar.



"What do you know of women?" — Wang Chi-yang.

"Ta and Mei Li would go well together . . . 'Like vodka and tonic' " — Sammy Fong, Wang Chi-yang, Mdm. Liang.

"I don't love you anymore." — Mei Li tells Wang Ta.



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PARENT-TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

At the 4th A.G.M. held on 26th May 1978, the following were elected into office:

President : Dr. P.G. Joseph
Vice-President : Mr. Yeoh Seng Choon
Secretary : Mr. Tan Seng Wha
Treasurer : Mr. Chan Yat Tong

Committee Members : En. Ismail Ibrahim (*parent*)
En. Abdullah Yeop (*parent*)
En. Mohd. bin Mohd. Nengah (*parent*)
Mr. Cheah Cheong Sin (*parent*)
Puan Adele Poi (*parent*)
Mr. Douglas Lim (*Teacher-Form 6*)
Mr. Lee Kah Chee (*Teacher-Form 5*)
En. Noh Kimi (*Teacher-Form 4*)
Mr. Oh Teik Toh (*Teacher-Form 3*)
Mr. Hor Kam Yoke (*Teacher-Form 2*)
En. Clement Manikam (*Teacher-Form 1*)



Dr. P.G. Joseph
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Mr. Yeoh Seng Choon
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Mr. Cheah Cheong Sin
PDN, PJK
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En. Mohd. bin Mohd.
Nengah
Committee Member



En. Ismail Ibrahim
Committee Member

The Parent-Teacher Association was set up in 1974. Its aim is to foster better relations between teachers and parents and to assist parents in all matters relating to the welfare of their children in school. It will also attempt to provide help to needy pupils, provide scholarship to deserving students, and to organize activities for the benefit of parents and pupils.

Among the activities carried out by the P.T.A. were fund-raising projects, get-together dinners, aids to needy pupils, Bahasa Malaysia seminars for form 5 students, and donation of essential equipments to school and purchase of musical instruments for the school band.

The P.T.A. welcomes suggestions from parents in the running of the association and hope that more parents will take a greater interest in the activities of P.T.A. for the welfare of their children in the school.



Newly elected Committee at the AGM on 29th May.



P.T.A. Committee Meeting.



MY AFS EXPERIENCE

Life was nice enough to endow upon me an AFS award for a year of stay in the United States. I was one of the 25 fortunate students from Malaysia and about 2,800 from all around the world.

My host community of Hanford lies in the San Joaquin Valley in Central California. It is a small city of about 20,000 residents situated in one of the richest agricultural valleys in the world. My experience in visiting many of the famous places was totally astounding. When my year was through I have had set my eyes on the Grand Canyon, and Glen Canyon plus the great Indian Reservation in Arizona, the great Rocky Mountains and National Forests, the fabulous Mormon Temple in Salt Lake City and numerous other places of interest.

However, the beautiful part of an AFS'er's experience is not merely contributed by the new and wonderful things he/she sees. In my case, the people that I came in contact with, the friendship I have gained, the broadening of my horizons and perspectives and most of all, the growth that I experience within myself have been the most treasurable portion of my year abroad. Realization of the fact that my AFS experience continues, especially now that I am back among my school-mates, poses further challenges in my process of readjustment and growth-physically, mentally and emotionally.

A pre-departure orientation was held in Kuala Lumpur before we left and our flight took us through Bangkok, Taipeh, Tokyo and finally San Francisco.

It was the beginning of an undeniably enriching experience when I met my first host family in Hanford.

Mum and dad Evans were teachers, and Denise was a senior who attended the same high school as I did. Mark, Julie and Gail were college students while Marsha was married. They were very strict Christians, belonging to the Mormon Church. However, they were very beautiful people and we really enjoyed one another.

When Denise graduated in December, the AFS chapter arranged another family for me.

Macik and Pacik (their names were Sidney and Janet Sharp) had three children; Bill, a junior, Diane, a freshman and Bob, a seventh-grader. Pacik was an attorney while Macik was a "domestic engineer" — meaning housewife.

The relationship that developed between my 2 host families and myself was unique (obvious from the way I addressed my foster parents). They really catered to just about everything I needed. Through the year they got me jobs to help me off financially, but, the jobs themselves were already an experience. I worked as a tomato sorter, peaches, plums and grapes harvester and labourer. The more important thing however, was the acceptance and love extended to me, encouraging me to become part of the family.

Hanford High School was a four-year high school (9th. — 12th. Grade), (9th. — Freshman, 10th. — Sophomore, 11th. — Junior and 12th. — Senior), with about 2,300 students. Well equipped with facilities, it was one of the best and biggest schools in the Valley. Here, I attended school as a senior.

After really getting to know American kids and their general expectations and attitudes, I realised that the Malaysian image of the Americans was very distorted through the media and movies. Basically, they are very much like our average teenagers except that their family upbringing tends to instill a tinge more of the sense of independence in them compared to us. However, I learnt to appreciate my oriental heritage and culture as their culture is suitable in their sphere while ours, in our own.

The schooling system tries to cater to the individual needs and interests of each student. There is a very wide range of subjects, ranging from academies (both science and arts) to vocational. I had my own schedule filled with much vocational English and politics classes.

Sports — football, basketball, baseball and wrestling were the most popular — was very much stressed upon and the equipment efficiency made it possible for their athletes to attain much higher standards in comparison to ours. Furthermore, their mentality towards sports is really geared for achievement and not just for the sake of enjoying the sport itself.

A lot of AFS activities were planned throughout the year for fund-raising and meeting different sectors of the community. Numerous talks were arranged for me in various community clubs and weekends were usually occupied with trips to different towns and cities around the area where I had the opportunity of staying with different families. It was in these weekends that I really made more friends especially ones from all around the world.

My year had started slowly like a train pulling out of a station and slowly gained speed and momentum so much so that I had found it very difficult to pull it to a stop when I realised I had to.

The last couple of weeks before graduation were thrilling with so much to do with my friends and families in so little time.

Graduation came along and it was a grand experience for me walking out in red cap and gown plus tassel and to receive the diploma that I had worked for.

The day came when I had to be on my trip home and without doubt, a very sad but mature farewell was exchanged between all and myself. Tears were abundant, but experience has told me that there will be no "hellos" without "goodbyes" and to accept it as part of life.

Even though I have tried my best to give a brief and exact account of my year (to share my experience with all of you), there is much that I found impossible to express in words. But, it is one experience that is filled with love, sharing, appreciation, challenges, lessons-to-be-learnt and most of all, the growth of oneself — hopefully for the better.

Now, as I sit and try to get my mind back to the challenges in school, I cannot but realise and appreciate the friends and families that I now know and shared with, not just in the U.S., but all over the world.

I really owe my teachers and friends immeasurably for accepting me the way I am and needless to say, I owe it to them that I had this opportunity to be an international student. I like them to know that I truly appreciate their concern and guidance.

God Bless all of you.

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KWANGCHOW PERSPECTIVE

It was towards the end of spring when we stepped out from Kwangchow's railway station. The clock at the front of the building showed 3.00 p.m. sharp. The heat, coupled with travelling fatigue, made us feel weary and uncomfortable. However, our attentions were directed to fellow Overseas Chinese so that we would not be left stranded outside the station. As my aunt and I were first-timers, we were uncertain of the whereabouts of our luggage, which left our sight soon after a security check was conducted by the authorities on every immigrant at the Chinese border town of Sum Chun. Soon we boarded a bus which took us to the Overseas Chinese Building in Kwangchow, a trip which lasted less than a quarter of an hour.

During the bus trip, I observed that most of the streets were not large enough considering the immense flow of cyclists who proved to be quite a nightmare for the drivers of motor vehicles. As a result, car horns or the like could be heard almost at an incessant rate. Later on I discovered that many of the streets had no dividing line in the middle. They adopted the left-hand drive system. Bicycles do not require lamps too, not even at night.

A breathtaking panorama spread before my eyes when we reached our destination. There was a beautiful square in front of the Overseas Chinese Building, with the famous Pearl River Bridge spanning across the serene Chukiang that drifted on its left. A sporadic number of small boats dotted the calm scene. Another structure that captured my immediate attention was a multi-storey building that catered for overseas visitors. This building stood magnificently especially at night, as it directly faced the serene Chukiang. The river separated Kwangchow into two parts — North, where we were at almost all of the time and South was at the other end of the bridge.

Inside the nine-storey building, we were directed to a waiting room and served Chinese tea while our particulars were checked. Then our luggage appeared, to our greatest relief. My aunt and I were given separate rooms which we were quite unhappy about because it would cause some inconvenience. Hers was a ladies' room while I shared the room with seven (sometimes even eight) other men.

When a kind room-mate informed us that it was dinner time, we went to the dining-hall. (Breakfast was served from 0630 to 0900 hours, lunch from 1100 to 1300 hours and dinner from 1700 to 1930 hours). The menu stated about thirty dishes with fish, chicken, pork or goose. Chinese tea was served before our order came almost half an hour later. That meal cost us about

M\$6.00 and having meals this way became a routine for us after that.

I had a warm-water shower after a rest and later on, had a friendly conversation with my room-mates (one from Macao and another from Kowloon) before retiring to my own bed at about 10.00 p.m. I was advised by my Macao room-mate to use the mosquito net provided.

Each day, I obtained my trivial necessities such as letter pads, biscuits, sweets, soap and view cards (all locally made) from a small store on the ground-floor of the Overseas Chinese Building. On the same floor was a daily postal service which operated from 0900 to 1600 hours as well as a banking service which operated for six hours per day from Mondays to Saturdays. I found the overseas postal service almost twice as expensive as back home.

As days wore on I became familiar with the means of transport available to us. There were three kinds excluding the bus. One was the taxi while the other two looked like 'twins'. The cheapest form was the one where we had to get in by the side door. We had to get into the other 'twin' from the back. The most expensive form is of course the 'speedy' taxi. You could really reach your destination quickly if you did not have to wait at the stand for an available vehicle, which is usually not the case. The price ratio for the types of vehicles mentioned above from the cheapest to the dearest form is something like 1:2:4.

If you take a bus, you should prepare to squeeze in with ninety-nine other passengers in standing room apart from keeping a close watch on your possessions. Some people contend that the abundant of pickpockets originate from Hong Kong. Citizens can come and go just like we do across the Johore Causeway. Apart from pickpockets, you have no fear of gangsters or the like because they do not exist.

One fine Sunday, we took a bus to the zoo with a Singaporean woman whom my aunt had made acquaintance with. It was she who knew the way around Kwangchow like the back of her hand so she was a useful guide to us. The entrance fee was roughly ten cents each and it was worth it! I was disillusioned when I saw that the one and only panda there was not as attractive as what I had seen in paintings. However there was a beautiful peacock, ferocious-looking lions and tigers which made up for that. A species of furless dogs caught me by surprise too.

Shopping for the foreigner is made convenient at the

Kwangchow Friendship Store because almost every item manufactured for export is sold here. The only disadvantage for us was the distance between the store and where our temporary residence was. During our first visit to the store I could only do window shopping because my passport, the key for entrance, was not with me.

All radios with the medium-wave band could receive the Hong Kong station, RTHK3, quite audibly. It was over this station that I kept in contact with the outside world. Each morning I would listen to the news broadcast and in the afternoons, I tuned softly to pop music.

On another fine Sunday, I experienced great relaxation strolling in one of the several gardens in Kwangchow. The trees and a pool were extremely refreshing. I could observe Chinese architecture too as well as a pond full of goldfish. Trees are perhaps the

fourth eye-catching object in Kwangchow; after people, bicycles and houses.

During my stay at the Overseas Chinese Building, I had the opportunity to play cards and table-tennis with some children from Thailand even though I could hardly speak their tongue. There were also other children from America, Europe and Japan. Kwangchow is another perspective added to my life and it will always remain as fond memories in my heart. If you have the chance to go there, choose lychees whose shape converge at the bottom so that your selection will have more flesh than seed. It is more watery than our rambutans.

— Chong Swee Ming

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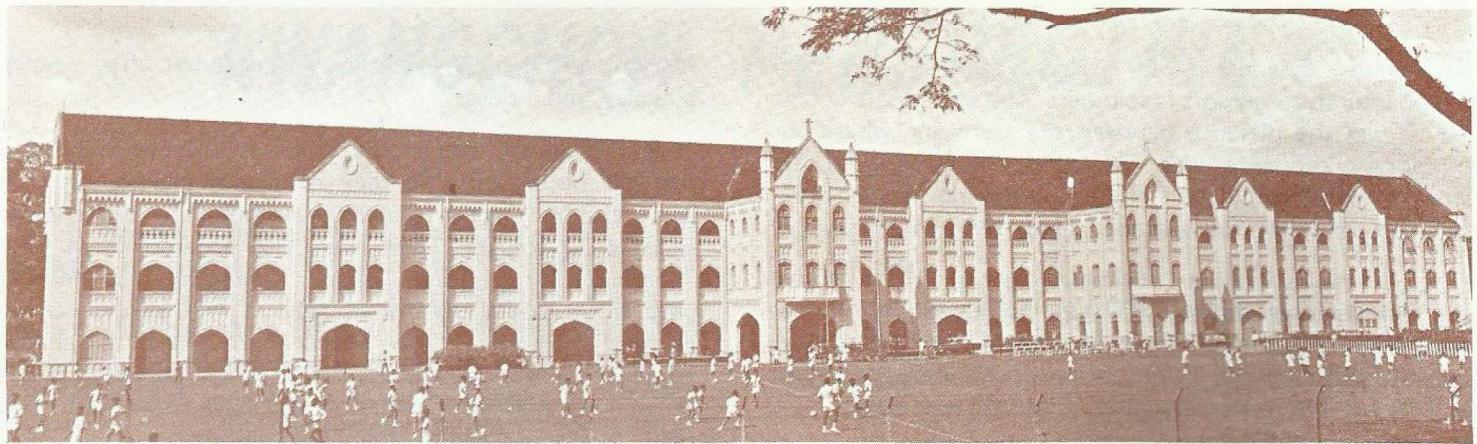
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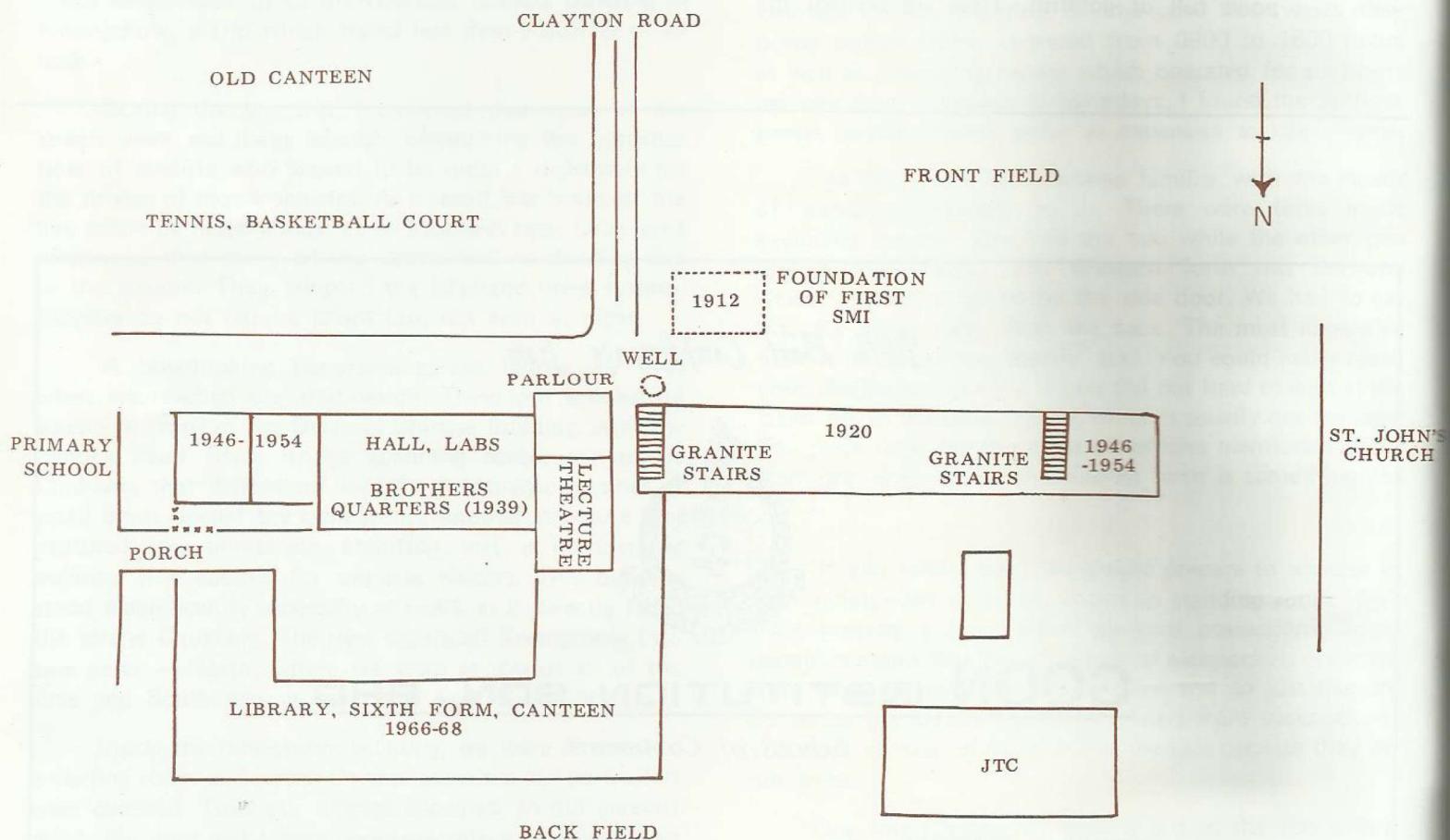
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HISTORY OF ST. MICHAEL'S INSTITUTION



Has it ever occurred to you that we know very little about the history of our school? Day in, day out we go to school but none of us realise that our school is among one of the earliest to be founded in Ipoh.

Well, our school had a humble beginning. It started off as a very small bungalow on a small plot of land. (Surrounded by crocodile infested swamps for all we know.) In 1912, Rev. Father Coppin, from St. Michael's church managed to buy a small plot of land in Kg. Pisang. He then built a small bungalow which served as the school building. Beside the school, he built a well for the students to use. Even now, on a dry day, if you go up to the top floor of

the main building you will be able to see the foundation of this bungalow and the well quite clearly. It looks somewhat rectangular in shape — the bungalow site of course.

Then Mr. P.J. Morsingh, from Penang took charge of the school whose enrolment of the school at that time was only about 40 students. One of those students was Mr. Tan Boon Kwee. Very soon, the number of students had increased further and Father Coppin found it difficult to continue. But, fortunately for him, help came from the La Sallian Brothers. The Brothers first came to Malaysia in 1852 when they founded St. Xavier's Institution, Penang and St. Joseph's Institution in Singapore. The 3 Brothers

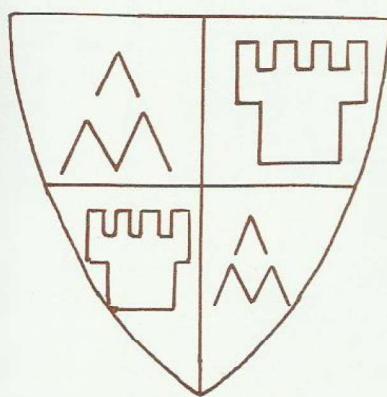
who came to take charge, later bought more property and decided to build a new building. By 1920, the new building was completed (See Map). The school now consisted of 14 classrooms, starting from Standard One onwards. At the time, the Brothers still failed to obtain the land on which the Junior Training Centre now stands.

By the year 1939, there was a total of 500 boys in the school. It was a large number at that time. The Brothers kept teaching from Standard 1 to 7, and the Junior Cambridge and Senior Cambridge classes. In 1938 or so, they managed to obtain the land on which the Junior Training Centre now stands. So the Brothers decided to build further. They built the hall and the Labs, but it was not an easy task because the area was swampy. The ground was so soft that a lot of piling had to be done first. Soon after the piling had been completed, they set to work on the new extension. This was completed in 1939.

However, on 3rd September, 1939, Britain declared war against Germany. That was the beginning of the 2nd World War. A few schools were requisitioned. Anderson School was one of them. Thus the Secondary boys from Anderson came to study in SMI. It seems ironic to think that the Andersonians were the first to make use of St. Michael's new block!!

On 8th December 1941, the British army wanted a hospital base. SMI became an army transit hospital camp. British tanks were parked around the school. Anti-aircraft guns and tanks were parked at the back fields too. Then, on one clear night, a Japanese scouter plane, flew over the school — most probably it was looking for the British tanks. On 23rd December, Japanese Planes came back with more planes this time. They bombed the railway station and the ammunition train kept on exploding for 3 consecutive days. To our surprise, sections of railway tracks from the railway station sailed through the air and landed in the back field. It was then that the Brothers went to stay in St. Michael's church. Even from there, explosions could still be heard.

Everything was quiet on December 28th. At night, at 8 p.m., Japanese soldiers came in to Ipoh. Some guarded the front gates of the school. The British soldiers had left in the mean time. The Brothers were allowed to come back and save whatever they could save. Few of us realise that the sinks we use in the labs. are the prewar sinks which were saved by the Brothers. Things which the



This is the emblem of the La'Salle family "Indivisa Manent", as it is called. It is simply known as "They Remain Undivided". We do not want to go into detail about what the castles and the V-shaped signs mean because they tell a story of the La'Salle family. Besides that you may even see another emblem like this.

Brothers managed to salvage include lab. equipments, chapel benches and others. The Brothers (including the present Bro. Director) also used their bicycles to move what they could.

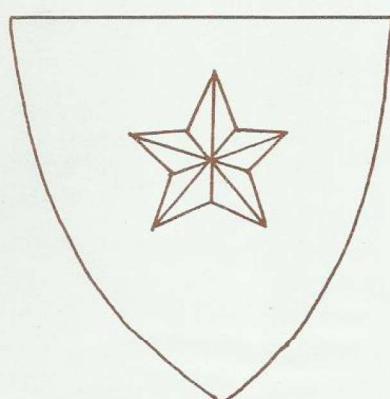
Very soon, SMI became the Head Quarters of the Japanese Govt-of-Perak. They flew a big Japanese flag in the centre of the front field. The Japanese decision to make SMI their Head Quarters was a blessing in disguise. No harm came to the building because the Japanese maintained and saved it. It was used for many purposes. For example, the First Floor of the Main Building was used as the police department. The Hall was the treasury then. A petrol kiosk was built near the porch of the building of the Primary School. The Lecture Theatre was the air raid shelter for the Japanese officers and the top floor was used as the governors rooms. The first classroom on the ground floor (ie the one next to the granite case) was used as a telephone exchange. The war lasted from December 8th 1941 — August 15th 1945.

On 15th August 1945, the war came to an end. The Brothers who had been posted to other towns all these years, came back and started school above the Hall in Main Convent and also Sam Tet School. Thus altogether, the school was run in 3 different places ie. in SMI, in Convent and the old Sam Tet building. In 1946, 22 boys sat for the Senior Cambridge, the standard of which was the same as the exams before the war.

During the years 1946 — 1954, two new classes were built behind the hall as well as the block close to St. John's Church. The building of the Library (which can contain 7 classrooms), the Canteen and the 6th Form Block was started in 1966. The extension would have been impossible except for the donations from the old boys and girls of the school. Even the digging up and piling of the ground cost about \$30,000/. The whole extension cost \$600,000/. It was completed in 1968.

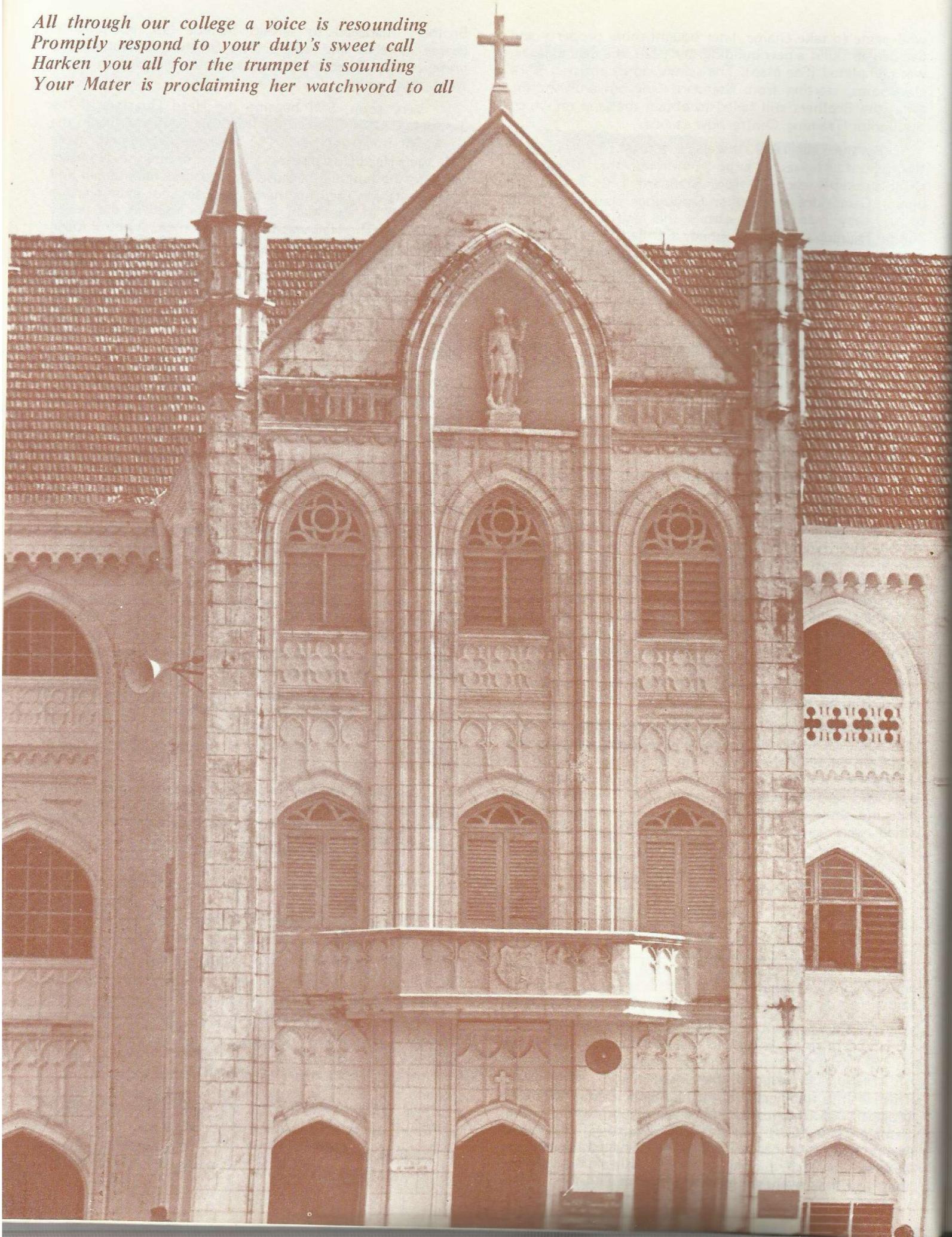
If you come to think about it, you will see that our school building was built in an East-West direction. This made it impossible for the direct sunlight to enter the classrooms. This was the idea of Brother Augustus, one of the early directors of the school.

Some of you have wondered about the emblems that have been carved on the walls of the school building. You may be able to see an emblem as shown in the diagram.



This is the emblem of the La'Salle Brothers — The Signum Fidei.

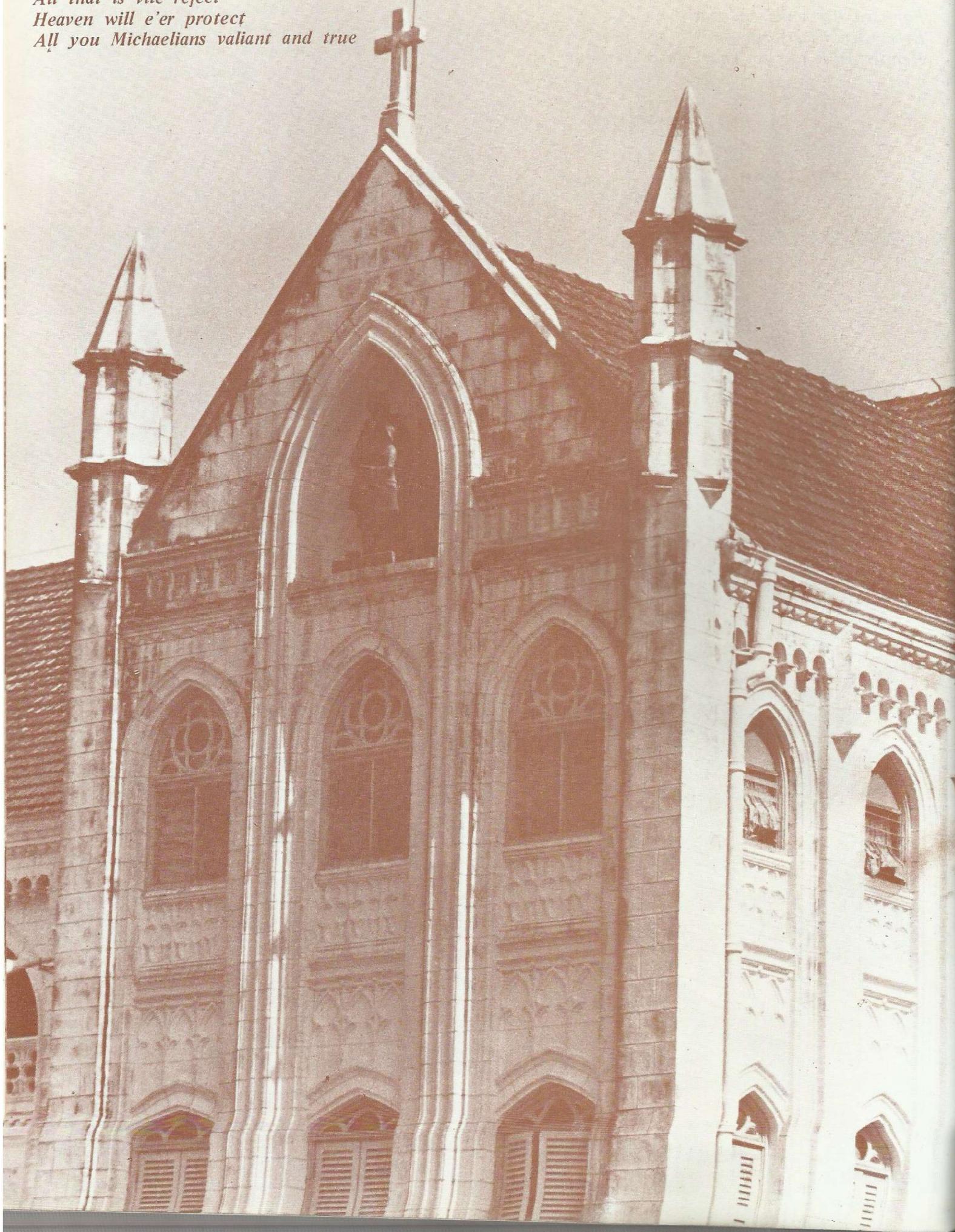
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Promptly respond to your duty's sweet call
Harken you all for the trumpet is sounding
Your Mater is proclaiming her watchword to all*



*Forward her children dear
Ever with hearts sincere
Render with joy to your Mater her due*



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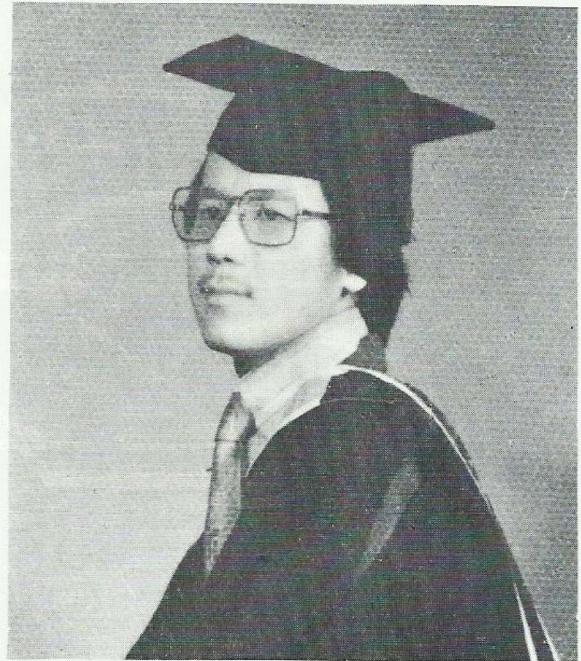


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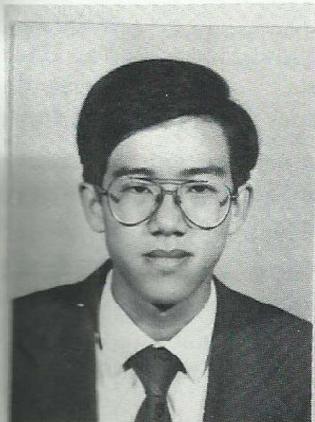
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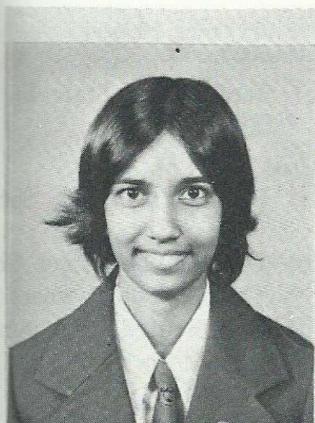
MICHAELIAN OF THE YEAR



PHILIP KOH

The Nicet-Joseph Award for the Michaelian of the Year went this year to Philip Koh. He was head prefect for the year 1977-1978 and carried out his duties with quiet efficiency and imagination. He is an excellent student and an outstanding athlete. He represented Perak in the Long Jump event and managed to set up a new record. We wish to extend to him our congratulations on obtaining this high award.

OUTSTANDING GIRL OF THE YEAR



M. SARASWATHY

The award for the outstanding girl of the year went to Miss M Saraswathy of Upper Arts Two. She had been lady head prefect for the year 1977-1978 and gave evidence of exceptional competence in the discharge of her duties. She is blessed with a mature sense of responsibility and set an excellent example of student dedication and loyalty to the school. She took part in several debates, always with special distinction. We congratulate her on receiving this award.

PRIZE WINNERS ON SPEECH DAY

A. Special Awards for Academic Achievements:

Tingkatan I (1977) — Best Students

1 A1	Lim Wai Loon
1 A2	Chan Kit Loong
1 A3	Ng Tuck Wah
1 A4	Lim Yew Saung
1 A5	Hew Tet Loong
1 A6	Bernard Teh Chin Kang
1 A7	Gregory Lip Yoke Hong
1 A8	Toh Hoon Meng
1 A9	Wong Pek Wei
1 A10	Tan Kok Meng
1 A11	Martin George

Tingkatan II (1977) — Best Students

2 A1	Ng Yin Soon
2 A2	David Chan Tuck Wai
2 A3	Sim Kia Miang
2 A4	Yau King Kong
2 A5	Sam Nathan
2 A6	Chan Soon Onn
2 A7	Foo Sau Ken
2 A8	Tan Kwan Yui
2 A9	Patrick Lee Wing Lek
2 A10	Chew Ek Peng
2 A11	Hoong Foon Sheung

Tingkatan III (1977) — Best Students in L.C.E.

1. Loke Kah Meng	— 7 distinctions
2. Sim Kia Ju	— 7 distinctions
3. Yee Woon Juen	— 7 distinctions

Tingkatan IV (1977) — Best Students

4 S1	Peter Hiong Yee Thian
4 S2	Tan Juan
4 S3	Khor Kok Eng
4 S4	Chong Chee Kheong
4 S5	Amirul Faizi b. Abdul Wahab
4 S6	Choong Wui Teck
4 A1	Leong Kok Cheng
4 A2	Ng Shu Song
4 A3	Yam Kok Kee

Tingkatan V (1977) — Best Students in M.C.E. Examination:

1. Lee Soon Tin	— 10 distinctions
2. James Teh	— 9 distinctions
3. Ho Mun Sing	— 9 distinctions
4. Tham Kwok Meng	— 8 distinctions
5. Leong Voon Seong	— 8 distinctions
6. Christopher Lee	— 8 distinctions
7. Lau Kok Kheong	— 8 distinctions

Best Science Student: Lee Soon Tin

Best Arts Student: Yip Weng Kan

Tingkatan VI (1977) — Best Students in H.S.C. Examination — Arts

Bahasa Malaysia	..... Cik Noraini bt. Ismail
English Language	..... Cik Gan Mee Ling
Geography	..... Megat Sharifudin b. Shamsuddin

History	..... Lee Toon Hian
Mathematics	..... Yap Yoon Kong

Science	General Paper	..... Choo Sheal Mee
	Principal Mathematics	..... Chia Chin Yan
	Chemistry	..... Khoo Tan Hoon Seng
	Biology	..... Khoo Tan Hoon Seng
	Economics	..... Cik Lai Voon Hoong
		Magdalene
	Physics	..... Yap Chee Seng
	Pure Mathematics	..... Raveendran
	Applied Mathematics	..... Lim Hock Ee

B. Hadiah-Hadiah Istimewa untuk Biasiswa:

(a) Biasiswa Chin Sem Lin (untuk Tingkatan 3, 1977)
Teh Moong Chuan 4 S4

(b) Biasiswa Lip Seng Onn (untuk Ting. 4 & 5 Sastera)
1. Cheah Kwan Tat 4 A1
2. Cheong Theen Chin 5 A1

(c) Biasiswa Lip Seng Chiew (untuk Ting. 6 penuntut
dari SMI Rendah)
1. Khemchand s/o Nathermal USA 3
2. Philip Koh Kok Hoong USS 2

(d) Biasiswa Lee Meng Hin (untuk Ting. 6)
1. Leong Wai Sum LSA 1
2. Ho Mun Sing LSS 3

(e) Biasiswa Persatuan Ibubapa-Guru
Wong Seow Wan 5 A3

C. Hadiah-Hadiah Istimewa untuk Sukan: School Colours Awards

Football:

1. Mohd Isa b. Mohd
(a) Played for school for 4 years.
(b) Represented Perak Combined
Schools — 2 years.
(c) Represented State in the Razak
Cup.

2. Yeong Yoke Hoong

(a) Played for school for 4 years.
(b) Represented State in the Razak
Cup.

Hockey:

1. Miss Tan Lok Ching
(a) Played for Perak Schools for 4
years.
(b) Represented state in National
Tournament 3 years.
(c) Represented Malaysia against
Ireland in 1978.

2. Chai Seng Yu

(a) Played for Perak Schools for 2
years.
(b) Represented state in National
Tournament 2 years.
(c) Played for school for 4 years.

3. Kong Chee Seng

(a) School Captain.
(b) Played for school for 4 years.
(c) Represented state Combined
schools for 2 years.

(d) Represented state in National Tournament.

4. **Reginald Singha**

(Qualified for School Colours for both Hockey & Athletics)

(Hockey): (a) Played for school for 4 years.
(b) Represented Perak Schools for 2 years.

(c) School Vice Captain.

(Athletics): (a) Represented school for 4 years.
(b) Represented Perak Schools in 1977.

Volleyball: 1. **Yim Weng Lok**

(a) Represented school for 5 years.
(b) Assistant coach for school team.

2. **Chan Yu Hung**

(a) Represented school for 5 years.
(b) Captain for school team.
(c) Coach for school team.

Athletics: 1. **Philip Koh Kok Hoong**

(a) Represented school for 6 years.
(b) Represented Perak schools in 1977.

2. **V. Kanis**

(a) Represented school for 4 years.

3. **Winson Lam**

(Qualified for School Colours for both Athletics & Softball)

(Athletics): (a) Represented school for 4 years.

(Softball): (a) Represented school for 3 years.

Basketball: 1. **Lee Chee Pheng**) Represented

2. **Khoo Chee Leong**) school for 3

3. **Chew Yooi Meng**) years.

4. **Sin Tuck Wah**)

Softball: 1. **Miss Lim Chui Hoon**

(a) Represented Perak in the National Championships held in the years 1972-1978.

(b) Represented Malaysia in the Asean Softball Championship held in Manila, Philippines in 1977.

2. **Miss Lee Suet Yee**

(a) Represented Perak in the National Championships held in the years 1975-1978.

(b) Represented Malaysia in the Asean Softball Championship held in Manila, Philippines in 1977.

Cricket: 1. **Yoon Weng Foong**) Represented

2. **Faizul b. Ismail**) school for 4

3. **Aruludin Raj Azman**) years.

4. **Munawir b. Hj. Rukun**)

D. Hadiah-hadiah Istimewa untuk Sukan – Special Awards

Badminton: 1. **Miss Wong Lee Chu**

(a) Represented Perak Schools.

(b) Represented Malaysia under 18 in the Asean Tournament 1978.

Hockey:

1. **Miss Christina Chin**

(a) Played for Perak Schools for 5 years.
(b) Represented State for 2 years.
(c) Played for Malaysia against Ireland and Canada.

2. **Phoon Kee Fatt**

(a) Played for school for 3 years.
(b) Represented Perak schools 1978.

3. **Kong Chee Meng**

(a) Played for school for 3 years.

Athletics: 1. **Meor Zulfi b. Saaid**

(a) Represented school for 3 years.

2. **Woon Tai Jee**

(a) Represented school for 3 years.

3. **Rahim Raja**

(a) Represented school for 3 years.
(b) Represented Perak Schools 1978.

4. **Yee Woon Juen**

(a) Represented school for 3 years.

5. **Mok Wai Heng**

(a) Represented school for 3 years.

6. **Foong Choong Hong**

(a) Represented school for 3 years.

Basketball: 1. **Hong Thin Foo**

(a) Played for school for 3 years.

E. Perak Inter-School Form V Mathematics Competition 1978

1. **Team Section – Challenge Trophy donated by Rev. Bro. U. Paul**

Results: 1st – A. C. S. (A)
2nd – A. C. S. (B)
3rd – S. M. I. (B)

2. **Individual Section – Challenge Trophy donated by Mr. Ang Khek Cheow**

Results:

1st – Tan Aun – S. M. I. (B), Ipoh.
– Leong Hong Kah – A. C. S. (A), Ipoh.
3rd – Tan Juan – S. M. I. (B), Ipoh.
– Gan Hock Seng – St. George's (A), Taiping.
– Thiam Chiew Keong – A. C. S. (B), Ipoh.

F. Hadiah-hadiah Penghargaan Istimewa

(a) **Piala Brother Director** untuk penuntut terbaik dalam Tingkatan Enam Sastera 1977
Miss Gan Mee Ling

(b) **Piala Choong Kui Lam** untuk penuntut terbaik dalam Tingkatan Enam Sains 1977
Khoo Tan Hoon Seng

(c) **Penuntut Perempuan Termuka:** Miss M. Sarasvathy d/o Marimuthu

(d) **Michaelian Termuka:** Philip Koh Kok Hoong

(Awards for other school uniformed activities, clubs, societies, etc. will be given out during school assemblies)