

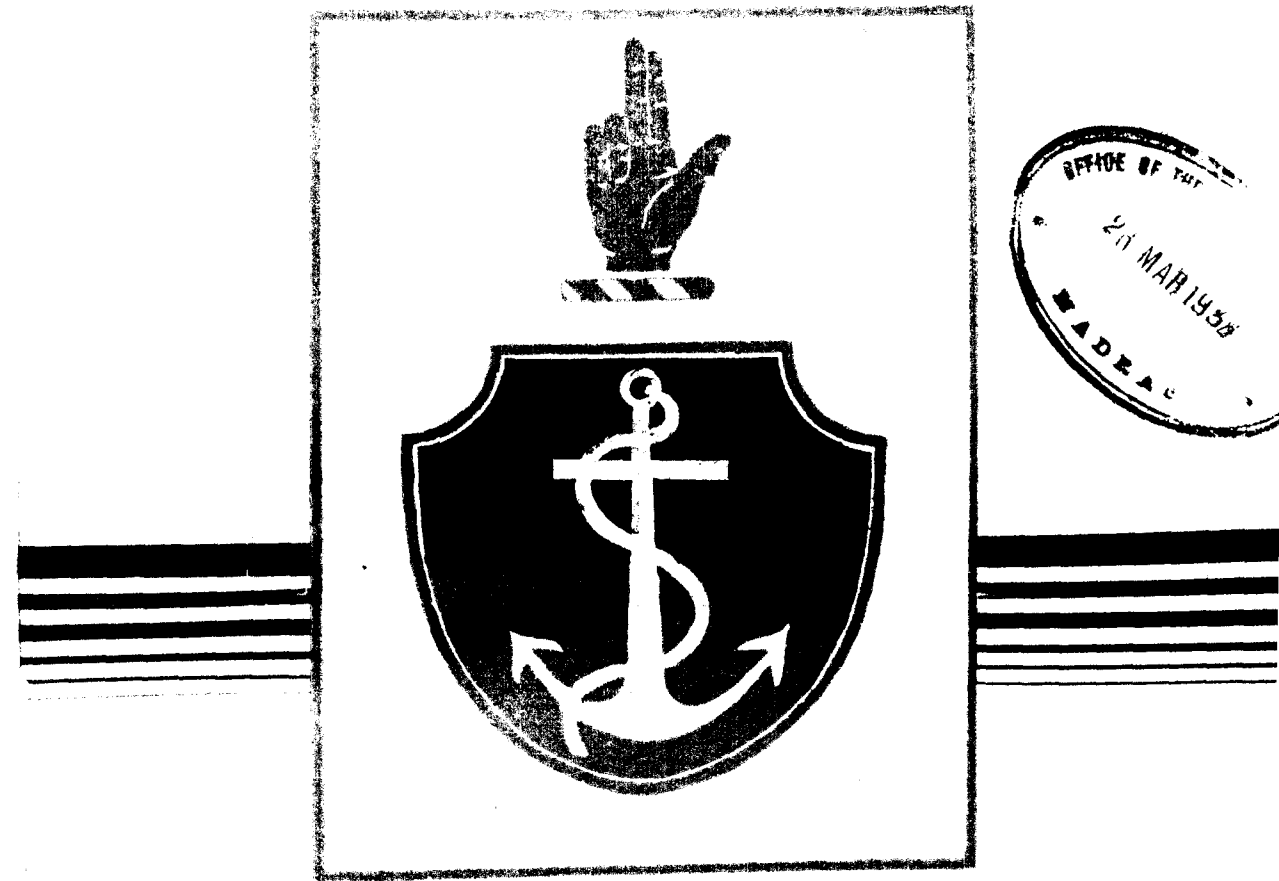
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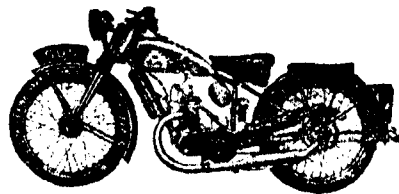
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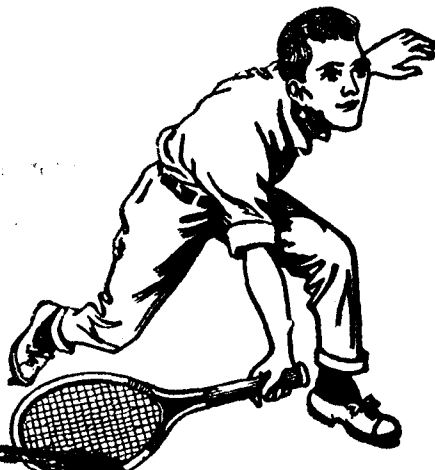
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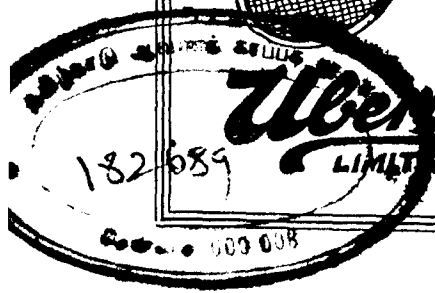
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Dr. THEODORE

OUR beloved Vice-Principal was taken from us, with only a few hours' warning, shortly after 7 o'clock on the evening of Thursday, February 27th. It is not possible, so soon after the shock, to record what manner of man he was or to express the sense of loss that is felt by all who knew him. That sad task must wait for another time. Meanwhile we send out the *Magazine* as far as possible in the usual form, convinced that such would have been his own wish. The unavoidable signs of haste and the slight delay in publication will, we are sure, be forgiven.

A Prayer

We thank Thee, our Father, for our dear friend whom Thou hast taken to another of Thy many mansions. We praise Thee for all that we can still share with him. Like him, we adore the same Father, we glory in the same matchless Redeemer, we run upon the errands of the same heavenly King. Along with him, though it be with dimmer vision, we can watch with glad eyes the victory that even now overcometh—Death's sting gone, the Tempter being crushed, wise and foolish being born again, crosses gleaming like crowns, the weak confounding the mighty, the dear Lord Jesus seeing of the travail of His soul. We thank Thee, too, for the trust that our friend hath left to us, in the loyal honouring of which we still may have comradeship with him, by taking thought for those whom he loved, standing for the causes which he served, living out the faith in which he lived and died.

We praise Thee for the grace given him to run his earthly race so well. We praise Thee for happy memories of pleasant intercourse, loyal comradeship, high endeavour and selfless devotion. And for those whose share in that happiness of fellowship was the richest, and whose loss is now the sorest—his gracious helpmeet, his little children, his aged parents—we pray that Thou wilt assuage their anguish, that Thou wilt bountifully supply all their need, and that Thou wilt enable them increasingly to rejoice in the certainty of a glorious resurrection.

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THE WORDLESS SONG

By "B"

Whose gentle fingers touched the silent string,
And set it vibrant, thrilling all my nerves?
Whose heavenly voice swell'd out in harmony
The wordless song, echoing in my heart?
And wherefore silent now, oh Voice and String,
That entwined woke sweet melody in me?
Waning, wafted into an eternal past,
Silent,—and yet, alive in memory,
Like rumblings of the distant splashing waves,
Like perfume breathing o'er the garden wall,
Mellowed and hushed and soft, and yet refreshing,—
Still, wherefore vanished?

LINES WRITTEN ON THE DEATH OF Dr. S. J. THEODORE

BY R. BAKTHAVATSULU, *Post-graduate Student (History)*.

He moved among us, breathed the air we breathe,
We were familiar with his voice ; but now
Fled is his spirit and his bones beneath
The earth are hidden. Ah ! so full of love
Had been his heart, so true, so brave, so kind !
The spirit of our college was his spirit.
He pursued Truth, explored the human mind,
Sought what was good and beautiful and did it.
He is not dead ; only his mortal strife
Is ended ; he has wakened from his sleep—
Death is for him the door to deathless life.
He must be happier now. Why should we weep ?
He lives beyond the shadow of our fears
In a lovelier world than this poor vale of tears.





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