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That All may Be One

SCMI News

Editorial

The past quarter of SCMI was eventful and was marked by engaging activities that broadened students' perspectives on discerning healthy versus toxic masculinity. Utilizing storytelling as a medium, the movement conveyed the message of freedom of religion and beliefs, emphasizing the significance of unity among diverse faith communities in advocating for our rights. Activities in various regions of SCMI also were addressing the needs and issues of the current times.

The quarter also witnessed the eruption of conflict in the Gaza Strip, sparking a Zionist Liberation debate that divided Christians on whom to support. We were bold enough to indulge in merry celebrations of Christmas amid a sombre backdrop, reminiscent of the ruins left in the birthplace of Jesus.

As the new year unfolds, little seems to have changed. 2024 brings added responsibilities for us as Indians, with the upcoming General Elections looming large. This crucial event serves as an indicator for the fate of minorities in India, heightening the significance of civic engagement and participation. Let us strive to be active in our spiritual and social life. - **Ms Rini Eliza Anien, Executive Secretary, Communication Desk**

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Unlearning Toxic Masculinity: Towards Holistic Growth

The Gender and Social Justice Desk of the Student Christian Movement of India organised a national-level programme Unlearning Toxic Masculinity: Towards Holistic Growth from October 20-22, 2023 at the SCM Programme Centre, Bangalore. The program aimed to address and unlearn toxic masculinity, fostering holistic growth among 30 male participants from diverse regions. Key objectives included understanding patriarchy's unjust grip, recognizing its link to toxic masculinity, promoting mental health, embracing healthy masculinity, and debunking the myth that vulnerability signifies weakness. The event comprised Bible study, input sessions, and group discussions.

Mr. Vinod Shemron and Rev. Silpa led a Bible study on Jesus' Model of Masculinity, emphasizing wholeness in the image of God, strength with gentleness, and care. Shruti Sharada, a queer feminist activist, conducted a session on Understanding Patriarchy, challenging stereotypes, and urging participants to confront patriarchal norms. Ms. Blessy facilitated a powerful emotional activity, encouraging participants to release suppressed emotions.

Mr. Joel Zoramthanga discussed Mental Health and Masculinity, addressing how societal norms impact men's mental health. Rev. Sudhakar Joshua explored Toxic Masculinity, offering realistic examples and encouraging non-toxic expressions of masculinity.

The Real Man Talk Project, led by SCM Programme staff, involved group discussions on the concept of a real man. Participants shared personal experiences, reflecting on conditioned patriarchal stereotypes and recognizing emotional suppression. The program successfully engaged participants in critical discussions, challenging norms and fostering awareness of the impact of toxic masculinity and provided a comprehensive platform for participants to unlearn and embrace healthier masculinity, marking a significant step towards holistic growth. - **Ms Wanshirenla, Executive Secretary, Gender and Social Justice Desk.**

Healing & Forgiveness

The joint program on "Healing, Forgiving, and Reconciling across Faultlines ," hosted by SCMI and CSI KCD-Youth Department, featured key speakers Gin Fourie and Letlapa Mphalele, victims who transcended pain to share stories of loss, hope, forgiveness, and reconciliation. Vilhu Chalieu chaired the meeting, with greetings from Dakerlin Mukhim and an introduction by Arun Sam Abraham. Rev. Christy Gnanadas delivered a thought-provoking address on forgiveness, referencing the Bible's story of Joseph and his brothers. A documentary, "Beyond Forgiving," showcased the speakers' experiences, followed by a Q&A session. - **Mr Vilhu Chalieu, Executive Secretary, Human Rights Desk**

Seed of Solidarity

The SCMI Programme Centre in Bangalore observed the YMCA-YWCA Week of Prayer on November 13, 2023, under the sub-theme "Sowing Seeds of Solidarity." Emphasizing intergenerational collaboration and the theme 'Seeds to Blossoms: Cultivating Hope and Love in Solidarity,' the event featured insightful discussions. Rev. Christy Gnanadasan urged continual learning in understanding solidarity, cautioning against potential elitism. Ms. Leila Passah provided a historical context to the Israel-Palestine conflict, enriching the discussion on solidarity amidst geopolitical challenges. The meeting successfully sowed the seeds of solidarity, fostering a deeper understanding of its historical roots and contemporary challenges. Participants left with a renewed commitment to active engagement. - **Mr Vilhu Chalieu, Executive Secretary, Human Rights Desk**

Fellowship Project

On December 2, 2023, the SCMI meeting at Jagruthi Hall in Bangalore addressed the current fellowship project, It aimed to enhance the SCMI fellowship for first- and second-year university students, from Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in rural areas, offering spoken English, computer courses, career guidance, and perspective-building programs. - **Ms Jessia Jason, Executive Secretary, Mission and Scholarship Desk**

Come Tell Your Story

The Faith, Formation, and Praxis Desk (FFP) organized a transformative training program titled "COME TELL YOUR STORY" at the SCM Programme Centre in Bangalore from November 9th to November 11th, 2023. The program centred around the theme of Freedom of Religion or Belief (FORB) and aimed to equip students with diverse storytelling techniques as a means to address FORB. Ms Anuja Naik's session on FORB in India and South Asian Countries delved into real-world instances of religious bias and violence and exploring constitutional safeguards. Fr. Afilash T Isaac's presentation on "Discovering the Artist Within" inspired participants to express narratives through illustrations. A collaborative effort resulted in a comic strip addressing a social issue.

Participants translated these concepts into artistic expressions, fostering a visually compelling narrative. The program concluded with a collaborative painting session, symbolizing unity, and a celebratory photo session capturing the essence of shared experiences. The program's conclusion marked a celebration of diverse expressions, encapsulating the spirit of the event. - **Mr C. Ramenglien Traite, Executive Secretary, Fatih Formation and Praxis Desk**

Faith For Rights

In commemoration of Human Rights Day, the Human Rights desk of the Student Christian Movement of India organized a transformative 3-day Workshop on Faith for Rights from December 9th to 11th, 2023. The program aimed to elucidate the intersection of faith and fundamental rights, fostering a collective commitment among participants to advocate for justice. Rev Dr. Joseph Prabhakar explored the dual nature of faith and its collective responsibility in advocating for fundamental rights.

Professor Alan Pallana delved into the origins of war rooted in intolerance, emphasizing interplay between faith and conflicts. Ms. Wangshirenla's Bible study highlighted the victimization of Bathsheba, drawing parallels to todays power oppression. Dr. Sarasu Esther Thomas explored the distinctions between law and morality, prompting reflection on faith, law, and societal norms. A practical session by Mr Christy Matthew equipped participants with skills for creating visual content for the Faith for Rights campaign. The workshop concluded with reflections, discussions, and dialogues on effective strategies to promote fundamental rights within religious contexts. - **Mr Vilhu Chalieu, Executive Secretary, Human Rights Desk**

KARNATAKA

Kayaka

The Kayaka Career Workshop held on October 28 and November 4, 2023, was a transformative experience for the students of the SCM Karnataka Region. The first day commenced with a devotion session emphasizing the integration of personal mission with professional work. by Mr C. Ramenglien Traite. Session on self-discovery, led by Ms Rini Eliza and Ms Ramya Angelina, guided students in understanding their core values and exploring the four aspects of finding their dream career. Day two, focused on practical skills. like crafting impactful CVs and resumes, imparting valuable skills for effective self-presentation. Mr. Binu Bill Bright shared expertise on interview preparation, offering strategic tips. The day concluded with mock interviews, providing students with a real-time simulation for refining their interview strategies. The workshop went beyond imparting information, instilling confidence, and competence in students, and preparing them comprehensively for the competitive job market. - **Ms Ramya Angelina, Programme Secretary, Karnataka Region**.

KERALA

Climate Cafe

The SCM Kerala hosted its monthly forum, Climate Café, on November 4, 2023, at Thiruvalla Anjappam. The session, led by Rev. Biju A, a dedicated priest and farmer on the theme "Climate Change and our Monsoons." Participants, including students from MTC, Thiruvalla, and BAM College, Thuruthicadu, actively engaged in discussions about the various causes of climate change and its impact on the environment. The session also delved into changes in monsoon patterns and their effects on both the environment and human life.

Leadership Training

The Annual Area Committee of Kerala SCM, along with leadership training sessions, took place on December 1-2, 2023, at the SCM Programme Centre, Pattom, Thiruvananthapuram. The Area Committee appointed new office bearers and an executive committee during the session. **Ms Sneha Susan Mathai, Programme Secretary, Kerala Region.**

Unit Inaguration

Karnataka Region - On November 16th, SCMI Karnataka region coordinated and facilitated the unit inauguration of Bishop Cotton Women's Christian College, marking the commencement of the academic year 2023.

On 2nd December 2023, the inaugural event for a City Unit took place in North Karnataka at Vijaya Vidyalaya College, Kalburgi. Assisted by Mr. Prem Kumar Markappa and other senior friends, the event successfully welcomed socially conscious students from various city colleges to join the unit. Additionally, students engaged in a discussion on 'Preventing Violence against Women and Girls' as part of the 16-day activism UNITE, initiated by the UN and overseen by the Gender and Social Justice Desk of SCMI.

On 9th December 2023, the Mangalore City SCM Unit was revived after a period of dormancy due to Covid lockdowns. Guided by the support of Rev. Sandeep Theophilus, a senior friend, and Paul Benjamin, a student member of KTC, the unit was reinstated, coinciding with the Christmas Celebration and a gathering for student members. The event was graced by the presence of senior friends, including Mrs. Jessie Shiri, Rt Rev CL Furtado, Rev Sydney Salins, and Dr. Sudama.- **Ms Ramya Angelina, Programme Secretary, Karnataka Region.**

South Tamil Nadu Region -On 19th September 2023, the SCM Unit was inaugurated at Tranquebar Bishop Manikam Lutheran College, Porayar, marking the end of a prolonged period of inactivity. Over 50 participants, including senior friends, attended the event. Dr. S. Johnson Jeyakumar, the principal, shared his personal experiences as an SCMer and encouraged students to broaden their understanding of the church and society by actively participating in the movement. The program deepened students' comprehension of SCM's Aims and Basis, motivating them to embrace faith, advocate for social justice, and strive for peace on both campus and society at large.- **Mr Yabes Manokaran, Programme Secretary, South Tamil Nadu**

Unit Inauguration

North Tamil Nadu Region - The inaugural event of SCMI at CSI Ewart Women's Christian College, held on September 15, 2023, featured impactful activities and speeches. Mrs. Premila led a heartfelt prayer, and Dr. Florance Vijila extended a warm welcome. Ms. Devishree introduced SCMI, and Mr. Johannes Samuel delivered an engaging inaugural address on personal transformation. The introduction of office bearers, a vote of thanks by Ms. Omega, and a closing prayer by Mrs. Linta Jospine concluded the event, fostering a sense of community and purpose. This report encapsulates the key highlights of the inaugural event. We look forward to the continued growth and impact of SCMI at the college.

The Inaugural Cum Fellowship Prayer, held on November 17, 2023, was a spiritually enriching event that left a lasting impact on the community. The gathering commenced with a prayer led by the Student Secretary, setting a reverent tone for the proceedings. The student group's soulful session of praise and worship created an atmosphere filled with spiritual fervour. Dr. Sarone, the staff advisor, introduced the Program Secretary, Ms. Gnanamani G, emphasizing the importance of spiritual fellowship in the academic community. Ms. Gnanamani G shared insights into SCMI's mission, inspiring unity and purpose. The event took a spiritual turn as she delivered a powerful message on the "Steps of Forgiveness," exploring its transformative impact. The program concluded with a unifying closing prayer, fostering a sense of community and shared purpose among the students. - **Ms Gnanamani. G, Program Secretary, North Tamil Nadu Region**

SOUTH TAMIL NADU

Effective Etiquette for Cracking Interviews

SCM South Tamilnadu Region hosted a webinar titled 'Effective Etiquette for Cracking Interviews' on December 2 for over an hour. Approximately 36 participants, including students and professionals, eagerly joined the session to gain valuable insights. Ms. Shalini, the resource person, not only delivered concise and impactful tips but also addressed specific queries from the participants, cultivating an interactive and enriching learning experience. The positive feedback received reflects the success of the event in equipping attendees with essential skills for interview success, underscoring SCM's commitment to empowering individuals in their career journeys. - **Mr Yabes Manokaran, Programme Secretary, South Tamil Nadu**

NAGALAND

Empowering Minds: Gender and Mental Health

SCM Nagaland organized a Regional Program from November 25 to 26, 2023, focusing on "Understanding Gender and Mental Health." Hosted at Generation Countdown Youth Ministry Sovima, Dimapur Nagaland, the event witnessed active participation from students across various SCMI units in Nagaland.

Notable speakers included Sir Kote Elah, who delivered the keynote on "Gender and Mental Illness," Sir Vito K Chishi discussing "Gender Roles and Stereotypes" and the "Gender Gap in Mental Wellbeing," and Dr. Aniruddha Babar covering "Beyond the Brain: Philosophical Insights into the Origins of Mental Illness" and Warrior Wisdom : Stoicism, Masculinity and Mental Resilience." Maam Aitis Yepthomi shared insights on "Mental Health & Femininity." Engaging debates and discussions enriched the program, highlighting SCMI, Nagaland's dedication to empowering students and addressing crucial social issues like gender and mental health. - **Ms Jerina Yeputho, Programme Secretary, Nagaland Region**

MIZORAM

Gift to Hermon's Children's Home

On November 18, 2023, the ATC Unit of Mizoram Region undertook a heartwarming initiative by presenting a charity gift to Hermon's Children's Home at Durtlang, Mizoram. This benevolent act aimed to bring joy and support to the less fortunate children residing in the home under the Mizoram Presbyterian Church of India. Throughout the year, ATC unit members dedicated themselves to the cause, contributing funds that were amassed to a generous sum of Rs. 29,100/-.

The event was attended by all unit office bearers and committee members, and the unit's Staff Advisor, Prof. Lalthuamliani, delivered an impactful speech. The culmination of the program saw the Unit Finance Secretary, Miss Zosangliani, presenting the substantial donation to Mr. J. Lalremruata, the Father of Hermon's Children's Home.

This charitable gesture reflects the unit's commitment to making a positive difference in the lives of those in need within their community.

Civic Responsibility

On 31 October 2023, the ATC Unit demonstrated its commitment to civic responsibility by conducting a social work program. The initiative aimed to address the littering issue along the roadside leading to their college in Aizawl. As part of their annual projects, the unit took the initiative to purchase large dustbins and iron holders using their funds. The iron holders were securely cemented into the ground, and on October 8th, the dustbins, adorned with the label 'ATC Unit SCMI,' were strategically placed. The location, being a secluded road with elevated surroundings, attracts people from various areas of Aizawl who come to enjoy the scenic views. Despite previous efforts to place dustbins along the road, instances of littering persisted, and the bins themselves were subject to theft. The ATC Unit's proactive social work project aimed not only to provide a practical solution to the litter problem but also to instill a sense of responsibility among the community members. The hope is that this initiative will contribute to maintaining cleanliness and fostering a sense of shared responsibility for the environment. - **Mr Timothy Ralsun, Programme Secretary, Mizoram Region**

MEGHALAYA

Exploring Village Realities

On September 18, 2023, the Student Christian Movement of India (SCMI) embarked on a meaningful Village Visit in Sohpu Village, Meghalaya, situated in the Ri-Bhoi District. The program, attended by 40 participants, aimed to facilitate open discussions on three crucial aspects. The discussions were categorized into Geographical Settlements, Issues Faced by Villagers, and Ground Presentations by SCMI Members. Resource persons included Mr Hamlet Lyngdoh, the Headman of the village, and Ms Shongkun Mynsiem Diengdoh. This initiative by SCMI Meghalaya provided students with practical knowledge about village life, contextual issues faced by residents, and the intricate relationship between the villagers and their environment.

Empowering Minds

On November 1, 2023, SCM Meghalaya, organized an enriching Educational Camp. The program, attended by 40 members, had a dual focus: instilling a sense of ethical and moral responsibility in students and guiding them towards building careers based on both soft and hard skills. The camp featured esteemed resource persons like Mrs Tipphanglin Mawnai, Ms Shongkun Mynsiem Diengdoh, Mr Sainkupar Syngkli, and Mr Wanskhemlang Marbaniang. Through interactive sessions and discussions, students gained insights into the significance of ethical conduct and their societal responsibilities.

Fundraising Tournament

On September 7, 2023, in the scenic village of Amkoi, Meghalaya, the Student Christian Movement of India (SCMI) organized a dynamic fundraising event. The two-day football tournament, exclusively for participants under 15, attracted 60 enthusiastic players from SCMI and five surrounding villages. The primary objective was to generate funds to support regional expenses. Amkoi Headman, Mr. Aibor Lamin, and Amkoi Sports Secretary, Mr. S. Khonglah, served as invaluable resource persons. The event not only showcased young talent but also demonstrated the community's spirit of collaboration in contributing to the needs of the SCMI region.

Meghalaya's Youth Panel: Catalysts for Change

In Umsning, Meghalaya, a transformative Panel Discussion on Youth and Social Change took place on November 4, 2023. The session witnessed the active participation of the students from Ri-Bhoi Synod College, totalling 70 attendees. The discussion centred around pressing issues affecting Meghalaya's youth, notably Unemployment, Substance Abuse, and the interplay of Religion in these challenges. Esteemed panellists included Mr Mayralborn Syiem, MLA Nongpoh, Mr Ferdinand Rani, a seasoned journalist, and Mr Neily Jaitley Khongwir, a distinguished counsellor. Their insights and perspectives enriched the discourse, empowering the youth to become agents of positive change in Meghalaya. - **Mr Baiaithrang Khonglah, Programme Secretary, Meghalaya Region**

OBITUARY

The former Administrator of the SCMI, Mr. Theodore Kamaladoss, Passed away on 23rd December 2023.. Mr. Theodore served the SCMI from June 2014 to November 2020. His professionalism, cheerful attitude, and calm composure amidst difficult situations is worth cherishing.

Dr William Stanley, the General Secretary of the Oikotree movement (an ecumenical initiative of the WCC, WCRC, CWM), and the President of ECODAWM, passed away on December 11, 2023. With more than 35 years of dedicated service as the Executive Secretary of the Orissa Development Action Forum, based in Bhubaneswar, Odisha, he led NGO and CBO networks. He was also the Secretary cum Director, The IRDWSI and worked with the Integrated Rural Development of Weaker Sections in India. A dedicated SCMI member at Voorhees College, Vellore, he remained a supportive Senior Friend, hosting work camps for SCM students. His activism spanned nationwide, supporting marginalized communities and disaster victims. A visionary humanitarian, Mr. Stanley's legacy, marked by unwavering commitment, leaves an indelible impact.

SCM extends heartfelt condolences to his family and friends.

ODISHA

Mental Health

On October 10, 2023, the Jeypore Unit organized a program for World Mental Health Day, attracting nearly 30 students. The theme centred on "How to Keep Mental Health Healthy." The event successfully addressed mental health awareness and strategies, contributing to a positive and enriching experience for the participants. On November 5, 2023, the Saintala unit of SCMI conducted a program focusing on the theme of Mental Health and Wellness. The event witnessed active participation from 25 students who engaged in group discussions and prayers. Mr Reeju, Vice Principal of the Global Institute of Theology, served as the chief guest, delivering a motivational address. He emphasized the importance of mental strength in personal growth, addressed the root causes of mental health issues, and shared 12 valuable points to empower students to face challenges and thrive in adversity. The program concluded successfully, leaving a positive impact on the participants.

Quiz

On November 2, 2023, the SCMI organized a Quiz Competition in Majhiguda, drawing active participation from students. Three students were recognized and awarded for their achievements. The quiz served as an engaging and educational platform for the participants. **-Ms Mina Dip, Programme Secretary, Odisha Region**

North Tamil Nadu

Forgiveness Across Faultlines

In parallel to the National programme SCM North Tamil Nadu region organised the "Forgiveness across Fault Line" event at CSI Ewart Women's Christian College. It was a profound and thought-provoking gathering. The event, featuring a documentary screening and discussions on forgiveness across fault lines, proved to be impactful. Ms. Omega, SCMI-EWCC President, opened the event with a prayer, setting a spiritual tone. Dr. Florence Vijila, the college Principal, welcomed attendees, expressing gratitude. Distinguished guests, including Mrs. Ginn Fourie and Mr. Letlapa, were honored. The documentary on the Heidelberg Tavern massacre served as a powerful catalyst for discussions. Mrs. Ginn led conversations about emotional responses, unconditional love, and restorative justice. Elders shared impactful testimonies, providing personal insights. Feedback forms allowed students to express reflections. Gnanamani from SCMI-NTN delivered a vote of thanks, and student secretary Ms. Devishree concluded with a closing prayer. The event successfully facilitated dialogue on forgiveness, promoting understanding across fault lines. **- Ms Gnanamani. G, Program Secretary, North Tamil Nadu Region**

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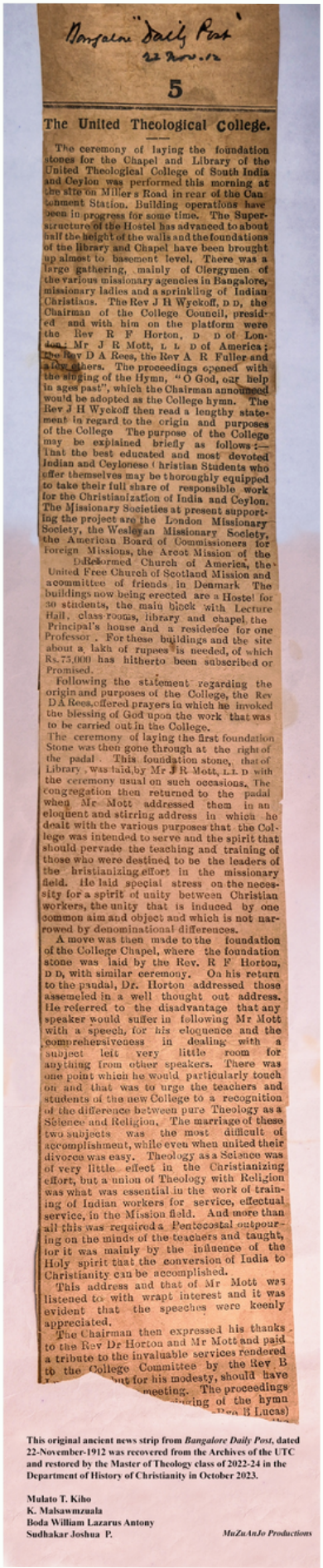
OBITUARY

Reverend L. Peter Ravi Kumar, a devoted servant of the Lord, peacefully passed away on the 7th of November, 2023. He started his theological journey with SCMI as the programme secretary of the Karnataka region. He then served as a professor in TTS - Madurai and later continued his ministries in Australia.

Rev. **Dr. P. Ravi Raj**, senior pastor of Andhra Evangelical Lutheran Church, passed away on 30th December 2023. Rev. Garu was not just a friend but a cherished member of our SCM family in the 80s and 90s, and was a member of the national executive committee as well as AP & TS executive member, and Staff Adviser. His presence brought warmth and camaraderie to the movement. His kindness, humour, and the positive energy he shared will be greatly missed.

From the Vaults



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The United Theological College.

The ceremony of laying the foundation stones for the Chapel and Library of the United Theological College of South India and Ceylon was performed this morning at the site on Miller's Road in rear of the Cantonment Station. Building operations have been in progress for some time. The Superstructure of the Hostel has advanced to about half the height of the walls and the foundations of the library and Chapel have been brought up almost to basement level. There was a large gathering, mainly of Clergymen of the various missionary agencies in Bangalore, missionary ladies and a sprinkling of Indian Christians. The Rev J H Wyckoff, D D, the Chairman of the College Council, presided and with him on the platform were the Rev R F Horton, D D of London; Mr J R Mott, L L D of America; the Rev D A Rees, the Rev A R Fuller and a few others. The proceedings opened with the singing of the Hymn, "O God, our help in ages past", which the Chairman announced would be adopted as the College hymn. The Rev J H Wyckoff then read a lengthy statement in regard to the origin and purposes of the College. The purpose of the College may be explained briefly as follows:— That the best educated and most devoted Indian and Ceylonese Christian Students who offer themselves may be thoroughly equipped to take their full share of responsible work for the Christianization of India and Ceylon. The Missionary Societies at present supporting the project are the London Missionary Society, the Wesleyan Missionary Society, the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, the Arcot Mission of the D Reformed Church of America, the United Free Church of Scotland Mission and a committee of friends in Denmark. The buildings now being erected are a Hostel for 30 students, the main block with Lecture Hall, class rooms, library and chapel, the Principal's house and a residence for one Professor. For these buildings and the site about a lakh of rupees is needed, of which Rs.75,000 has hitherto been subscribed or Promised.

Following the statement regarding the origin and purposes of the College, the Rev D A Rees offered prayers in which he invoked the blessing of God upon the work that was to be carried out in the College.

The ceremony of laying the first foundation Stone was then gone through at the right of the padal. This foundation stone, that of Library, was laid by Mr J R Mott, L L D with the ceremony usual on such occasions. The congregation then returned to the padal when Mr Mott addressed them in an eloquent and stirring address in which he dealt with the various purposes that the College was intended to serve and the spirit that should pervade the teaching and training of those who were destined to be the leaders of the christianizing effort in the missionary field. He laid special stress on the necessity for a spirit of unity between Christian workers, the unity that is induced by one common aim and object and which is not narrowed by denominational differences.

A move was then made to the foundation of the College Chapel, where the foundation stone was laid by the Rev. R F Horton, D D, with similar ceremony. On his return to the pandal, Dr. Horton addressed those assembled in a well thought out address. He referred to the disadvantage that any speaker would suffer in following Mr Mott with a speech, for his eloquence and the comprehensiveness in dealing with a subject left very little room for anything from other speakers. There was one point which he would particularly touch on and that was to urge the teachers and students of the new College to a recognition of the difference between pure Theology as a Science and Religion. The marriage of these two subjects was the most difficult of accomplishment, while even when united their divorce was easy. Theology as a Science was of very little effect in the Christianizing effort, but a union of Theology with Religion was what was essential in the work of training of Indian workers for service, effectual service, in the Mission field. And more than all this was required a Pentecostal outpouring on the minds of the teachers and taught, for it was mainly by the influence of the Holy spirit that the conversion of India to Christianity can be accomplished.

This address and that of Mr Mott was listened to with wrapt interest and it was evident that the speeches were keenly appreciated.

The Chairman then expressed his thanks to the Rev Dr Horton and Mr Mott and paid a tribute to the invaluable services rendered to the College Committee by the Rev B [illegible] for his modesty, should have [illegible] meeting. The proceedings [illegible] singing of the hymn [illegible] B Lucas)

This original ancient news strip from *Bangalore Daily Post*, dated 22-November-1912 was recovered from the Archives of the UTC and restored by the Master of Theology class of 2022-24 in the Department of History of Christianity in October 2023.

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SCM Sri Lanka

Your Sons and Daughters will Prophesy

The Student Christian Movement of Sri Lanka's School Camp was organised from September 27th to 30th, 2023, in Rambukana, Sri Lanka, themed "Your Sons and Daughters will Prophesy." Drawing around 60 students from nine provinces, this event marked the revival of SCM Sri Lanka's annual school camp after a four-year hiatus. The program featured diverse sessions, including a Bible study led by Rev Leslie Dareeju and discussions on impactful campaigns against rising drug abuse. Mr. Laxman explored the geopolitics and future of Sri Lanka, while Rev Samanth delved into the vision of SCM, emphasizing the intersection of human rights and Christian responsibility. Interactive activities and games followed, fostering engagement. A crucial component involved students visiting a Rubber Factory and nearby villages to understand the challenges faced by Indian Tamils, providing eye-opening insights. The camp concluded with worship, a career guidance session, and valuable feedback discussions. The collaborative spirit between SCM India and SCM Sri Lanka bodes well for future joint initiatives, offering a platform for shared learning and meaningful exchange between the two National SCM's. - **Ms Rini Eliza Anien, Executive Secretary, Communication Desk**

Bon Voyage

The SCMI community extends heartfelt thanks to **Ms Wangshirenla** for her exceptional service as the **Executive Secretary of the Gender and Social Justice Desk**. Her impactful leadership successfully initiated National, and Regional programs, notably addressing the intersection of gender and mental health. Commendably, she dedicated herself to engaging students in campaigns like Thursdays in Black and 16 Days of Activism. As she transitions, appreciation resonates for her commitment and tireless efforts. Warm regards and best wishes for a bright future filled with success and fulfillment in her future endeavors.

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