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**THE GREAT GOODNESS OF DR.R L HAYMAN**

LEAVING Ceylon shortly for permanent residence in England is Dr.R L Hayman, the energetic and scholarly Warden of St.Thoma's College, Gurutalawa. The loss is irreparable. Dr.Hayman has been one of the finest patrons of sport Ceylon has ever known.

Coming out to Ceylon some 30 years ago, the Doctor was first attached to St.Thomas's, Mt.Lavinia. he immediately threw all his spare-time energy into the cause of swimming. It was he who conceived the idea of the Thomian swimming pool. It was his money, running in to thousands of rupees, that built that pool.

Once the pool was built, the Doctor threw his boundless enthusiasm in to coaching and training the young Thomians into swimmers and water polo players. The boys loved the fun and competition. This was the first college swimming pool in the island. Naturally the Thomians carried everything before them in swimming and diving in those early days.

Dr.Hayman was completely satisfied and started looking around for ways and means to make Ceylon more swim conscious. This he did through the Ceylon Amateur Swimming Association for which he has been a Vice-President for some 25 years. He was also closely associated with the Otter Aquatic Club and gave them invaluable help and guidance in the building of their Buller's Road blue tiled tank.

When the scheme for a junior Thomian college in the outstations was mooted, Dr.Hayman was an automatic choice as Warden. To Gurutalawa the Doctor went. Soon his expert planning and enthusiasm turned this school into one of the finest of its type in the East.

He again built a swimming pool at the up-country college. Gurutalawa soon became a symbol of clean, healthy, living and top flight educational service. Behind the symbol was the burning ardour of Dr.Hayman and his wife, who too, was there from the early days of the college.

The Ceylon swimming and diving nationals start today and will continue until Saturday. The chief guest at the meet will be Dr.Hayman. This is a fitting tribute to someone who has given his whole life to the cause of swimming in Ceylon. The name of Dr.Hayman is remembered with gratitude by sportsmen big and small in every nook and corner of the Island.