

OBJECTIVES AND TRADITIONS OF S.THOMAS' COLLEGE

The College of St.Thomas the Apostle



The significance of St. Thomas being related to our College and Country is worth mentioning about. St. Thomas (also known as Didymus) was one of Christ's 12 apostles. He was the same person who said that he would not believe Christ's Resurrection until he personally saw & touch Jesus' pieced hand and side (Therefore the idiom 'Doubting Thomas' was added to our vocabulary). Tradition says that he laboured in Parthia, Persia, India (Coast of Malabar) and that he came to Sri Lanka. He capped his left by shedding his blood for his Master, speared to death at a place called Calamine

When Bishop Chapman had the Vision of our school the work needed for the solemn laying of the foundation stone was sufficient by St. Thomas' day of 1849. (December 21st)

The Objectives of S.Thomas' College

1. To prepare Ceylonese that they may enter Christian Priesthood & so to preach Christ that their hearers may realize that He is no foreigner, but that the real & true fulfillment of all that is highest in their aspirations & pass.
2. To make good citizens under the supervision & discipline of Christianity-
 1. By carefully relating all that is taught them to the needs, problems & culture of their own people.
 2. By deliberately strung to foster & encourage their sense of responsibility & readiness to act & so to work for their leaders.

A Summary of the Traditions of S.Thomas'

1. The equality of everyone. Boys are either good chaps or bad & should recognize that there is some good even in the worst.
2. Learning to share, to respect & to honour our authorities, friends & even our foe.
3. Expectation to be magnanimous & generous in victory but also to be courageous & unbounded in defeat.
4. Never to give up & always to run a race down the field, one way to the end under the guidance of God Almighty.
5. To be loyal with 'spirit' & 'grit'.