

Prologue

St Berchmans College has always remained on the forefront of higher education in Kerala. As it completes the 85th year of growth, we have much to feel proud of, so much to remember. Crossing many hurdles, S B has grown through the years establishing a tradition of excellence. The publication of this book is the fruition of a long felt need to preserve its achievements and pass it on to posterity. The task of recording the history of SB has been accomplished now, with the publication of this small book. It was Rev Fr Tom Kunnumpuram who took the initiative during his tenure as principal (2002-07), entrusting the task to two of our veteran teachers, Prof K J George (former Head of the Department of Chemistry) and Prof AJ Francis (former Head of the Department of English).. They have been engaged in the tedious task of sifting through the archives, the dusty files and reports and putting together the facts during the last two years. The amount of work that these two have put into the compilation is a matter that needs to be recorded. We are left with not enough words to praise and thank them for this labour of selfless love.

The book is not without its limitations. It cannot claim to be a complete and comprehensive chronicle reflecting every aspect of the College's growth and struggles through these years. It is also likely that we have missed out some things which some of our friends and well wishers would like to include. This is not the final version. suggestions and inclusions are welcome. Those who want to make any suggestions can do so to Dr Stephen Mathew, the Principal, Prof Baby Joseph (HOD of Physics) or Mr. P J Thomas (English Dept). You may provide these in writing.

Dr Stephen Mathews
Principal

Changanacherry
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ST. BERCHMANS' COLLEGE, CHANGANACHERRY

A PROFILE

St. Berchmans' College was established in 1922 by Rt Rev. Dr Thomas Kurialacherry, the first Bishop of the Diocese of Changanacherry. At the time of its establishment it was the only seat of higher education between Kottayam and Trivandrum in the former state of Travancore.

CHAPTER I

BEGINNINGS

The history of St. Berchmans' College is closely linked to that of its worthy elder brother, St. Berchmans' High School, Changanacherry which was started in 1859 by the first resident Bishop of Changanacherry, Monsignor Charles Lavigne S.J, in response to the earnest appeal of the people of Changanacherry. In 1891 the first batch of candidates for Matriculation was sent up. Though so many high schools sprang up afterwards there was no college in Central Travancore to cater to the academic needs of the people. Hence many were forced to go outside Travancore for college education. The public started an agitation for a college which became widespread and insistent in 1920. In the Sreemoolam Popular Assembly several representations were made to start a Government College in Central Travancore. These met with opposition from the Government because it could not incur the heavy expenditure for running a college. Mr. Raghavaiah, the Dewan invited private agencies to undertake the task and promised financial aid from the government. The people appealed to Rt. Rev. Dr. Thomas Kurialacherry, Bishop of Pella and Vicar Apostolate of Changanacherry who rose to the occasion and took active steps to start a college. In fact the college was the brainchild of Rt. Rev. Dr. Charles Lavigne.

In 1921 soon after Rev. Fr Mathew Purackal returned from Candy after his ordination the Bishop asked him to do whatever was necessary to start a college in Changanacherry and appointed him Principal. He had the distinction of being the first postgraduate from the Diocese of Changanacherry.

That Central Travancore was badly in need of a college had been the unanimous opinion of the Catholic Bishops of the State of Tavancore. The subject had figured in their discussions for some time. The only Bishop who had the financial independence to undertake this task was Dr. Benziger, Bishop of Kollam. But since his Diocese did not have qualified priests he felt that the Diocese of Changanacherry with no lack of the same could very well do this. Quite magnanimously he donated Rs 15000/- for initial expenses. Out of this Rs 5000/- was utilized for buying books for the library. The remainder of Rs 10000/- was kept as reserve fund with His Excellency, Bishop Kurialacherry.

Application for affiliation sent

On 9-10-1921 the Bishop as Manager sent an application to the Registrar of the University of Madras for affiliation of St. Berchmans' High School as a Second Grade College to provide instruction in Group III (Indian History, World History and Economies) of the Intermediate Class with Malayalam, Sanskrit and Latin as second languages. A favourable reply from the University was received in 1921 itself. The Bishop also expressed the intention of the Management to seek affiliation for Group I (Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics) as soon as courses in Group III were in working order. It was explicitly stated that the College was open to students of all castes and creeds. (To this day the College has not deviated from this policy) As the expenses to be incurred for payment of salaries could not be met completely from the fees

collected from the students it was hoped that the deficit would be made up by the grants sanctioned by the government. The College would function under the management of a Governing Body consisting of the Bishop, the Manager, the Principal and the Senior Professors. The list of staff members and the proposed scale of pay was also shown in the letter of application. They are given below.

Governing Body

Rt. Rev. Thomas Kurialacherry – President

Rt. Rev. Msgr Jacob Kallarackal – Manager

Rev. Fr. Mathew Purackal MA – Principal

Rev. Fr. James Kalacherry, BA, Ph.D & D.D (Logic Lecturer and Vice Principal)

Rev. Fr. Dominic Thottacherry MA (Hons) – Asst. Prof. of History

Rev. Fr. Jacob Mampalam, Vicar, Catholic Church, Kuravilangad

Staff

Rev. Fr. Mathew Purackal MA – Principal and Professor of History

Rev. Fr. Dominic Thottacherry MA – Asst. Prof. of History

A Prof. of English – yet to be designated

Rev. Fr. James Kalacherry B A Ph D & D D, Professor of Logic

Rev. Fr. Syriac Mattom – Malayalam Pundit

Rev. Fr. Zacharias Vachaparampil Ph D and D D – Latin Professor

Sanskrit Munshi

Non Teaching Section

Clerk – Sebastian Manamel

Dafedar – Kochavutha Kunnath

Scale of Pay (proposed)

Principal Rs 250 – 10 – 300

Professor of English Rs 200 – 10 – 250

Asst. Prof. of History Rs 115 – 5 – 150

Malayalam Pundit Rs 50 – 5 – 65

Sanskrit Munshi Rs 50 – 5 – 65

Latin Professor Rs. 60

New Building at Parel chosen as site

It was decided that the College would be housed in the new building for the Minor Seminary being built at Parel. The Diocese had no financial resources to carry on the construction. The Bishop asked Rev. Fr. Mathew Purackal to mobilize the same. He accepted the challenge and borrowed Rs 3000/- from Sree Gheevarghese Devasia, Paikad, a leading businessman, with which he completed the construction of the building at Parel and bought the necessary furniture.

On 21st January 1922, Francis Bradbury, the Registrar of the University of Madras in his letter to the Bishop informed him that the Syndicate of the Madras University had resolved to recommend to the Senate that affiliation could be granted to St. Berchmans' High School for starting a college.

Formal opening of the College

The College began functioning on 19th June 1922 after Mar Thomas Kurialacherry celebrated Holy Mass in the Parel Chapel (at the present Parel Pally site) As planned earlier the College was located in the newly built Parel buildings. To start with there were only 125 students in Group III of the Intermediate Course and six teachers. The first and the second number in the class were those of two brothers from Government High School Chengannur: A.J. Abraham and A.J. George. The first batch included two illustrious names : (1) Sri K.V. Joseph (Rev. Mgr Joseph Kureethadom) who later became English lecturer and professor at St.

Berchmans' and finally Principal of Fatima Mata National College Quilon and St. Thomas College Pala (2) Sri. K.C. Mathai who was to become lecturer in Syriac and the first Archbishop and Patron of the College, Mar Mathew Kavukatt.

The total collection of fees from students during the first year amounted to Rs. 12000/-. Of this Rs 3000/-, borrowed from Sri Gheevarghese Devasia was returned. Rs 7000/- was spent for paying salaries. The remaining sum of Rs 2000/- was spent for laying the foundation for the new building at Vedikunnu. In 1923 Mr. Raghavaiah, the Dewan of Travancore graciously accepted the invitation by the Principal and laid the foundation. Rev. Fr Koshy Mampalam BALT (Headmaster, St. Berchmans' High School) replaced Rev. Fr. Jacob Mampalam, the Vicar of Catholic Church, Kuravilangad as member of the Managing Board.

Affiliation of Science Groups for Intermediate Classes

On 18 – 12 – 1922 an application was sent to the University requesting it to sanction the BA Course (Group V-A History and Economics) so that students who passed out of the Intermediate Classes could study for their graduation.

But Dewan Raghavaiah proposed that it would be better to introduce Science Groups in the Intermediate classes since there were not enough seats for science students at Maharajah's College (Present University College) Trivandrum. The Principal sought the help of the government in conducting the very expensive Science Groups. The Dewan reciprocated by offering 1500 Cundys of teakwood as grant, Rs 50000/- as loan for purchasing science equipment for the laboratories and a handsome amount as grant on completion of the building. Meanwhile Raghavaiah left his job but he took care to put it down in the files that the Government was obliged to sanction a grant to St. Berchmans' for starting the expensive Science Groups in the Intermediate classes.

In these circumstances even though the teakwood was made available without delay the proposed loan still hung in the balance. As the Principal had agreed to take care of all the needs of the College himself, he could not approach the Bishop for help. He borrowed money from the newly started State Aided Bank whose M D Mr. K.C. Pandala was exceedingly generous. He sanctioned the loan on condition that it would be repaid as soon as the Government grant arrived. Sri C.P. Thomas Cherukara played a significant role in securing a favourable response from Sri Pandala.

Hardware was bought on credit from Madras and Mr. A Tharyan, a leading businessman of Changanacherry on the strength of the assurance given by Sri O.P Joseph, the college clerk. Laboratory equipment and chemicals were supplied by M/s Becker and Company, London and books which were additionally required by M/s Blackwell and Company.

Maharajah Sreemoolam Thirunal Passes away

Certain significant changes took place in the realm of politics which could have adversely affected the prospects of the College. Mr Morris Watts was appointed Dewan in place of Mr. Raghavaiah. Maharajah Sreemoolam Thirunal passed away and Regent Maharani ascended the throne. Mr. Watts was an eminent statesman, kindly, generous and full of foresight. The Principal apprised him of the financial crisis that was looming large over the College. A good sum was due to European and Indian Companies and the State Aided Bank. Mr. Watts promised to do whatever was needed to secure a grant for the College in place of the loan offered by his predecessor. Deeply concerned about the future of the college, he initiated changes in the educational policy of the government in order that private colleges could avail themselves of grant from the government.

First Annual Meeting presided over by Mr. Watts

Fortune favours the brave and contrary to the fears people might have had the appointment of a new Dewan augured well for the College. Quite appropriately Mr. Watts was invited to preside over the first annual meeting of the College. The day should be written in letters of gold in the history of the College. Dignitaries from all walks of life adorned the dais

and the hall. In his presidential address the Dewan made the momentous declaration that the government had decided to give financial aid to private colleges also in the form of grant. He announced that the College would be sanctioned a grant of Rs 77000/- as requested by the Principal. Of this Rs 30000/- would be deducted as the price of the teakwood given earlier. The remaining 47000/- would be immediately released. This announcement was received with allround shouting and applause. It should be noted that St. Berchmans' was the first private college in Travancore to get the benefit of a grant from the government. The grant was released without any delay and it was used to clear the outstanding debts. Mr. Watts did signal service to St. Berchmans' in this way.

Rev. Dr. Thomas Kurialacherry passes away

The construction of the new building (present Kurialachery Block) was completed in 1924. New buildings had to be put up for hostels. The College was granted affiliation in Group I (Maths, Physics and Chemistry) and Group II (Biology) of the Intermediate Course on 26th April 1925. When the College was gearing itself up for commencing the new courses, tragedy struck in the form of the untimely demise of Rev. Dr. Thomas Kurialacherry on 2nd June 1925 at Rome. It was all the more sad because he passed away a few days before to the scheduled commencement of the Science Groups.

Rev. Dr. Thomas Kurialacherry, the first patron of the College was a man of vision and foresight. It was his enthusiasm and eagerness that gave to the dreams of the people of Changanacherry "a local habitation and a name" Dissemination of education was a subject very dear to him. Despite the fact that the Diocese was financially hard up, with unflinching determination he spotted the right man and entrusted to him the onerous task of building up a seat of higher learning. Thousands of people have benefited immensely because they had a reliable and reputed centre of learning within their proximity. The College has also catered to the academic needs of so many outside Changanacherry especially because in those days colleges were few and far between. St. Berchmans' has contributed so richly to the cultural life of the country, has produced many-a-great man and has lightened up so many homes. For all this we owe a debt of gratitude to this visionary of a patriarch.

The first issue of the College Magazine, *Excelsior* came out in 1925 at the initiative of Sri R.P Kulandai Swamy Pillai, Head of the Department of English.

After the passing away of Bishop Thomas Kurialacherry, Msgr. Jacob Kallarackal became the Patron and Manager of the College. He guided the destinies of the College till 1928 when Rev. Dr. James Kalacherry was consecrated Bishop. (The consecration took place on 27th December 1927 and he took charge as Bishop on 1st January 1928). Msgr Jacob Kallarackal served the College and the Diocese with total commitment. The College became First Grade during his stint as Manager.

The College is shifted to the present site

1925 marked the second stage in the development of the College. The college was shifted from the Parel buildings to the newly built three storeyed building at Vedikannu (present site). Group I and II of the Intermediate Course were started. Fully equipped laboratories were set up under the direct supervision of Rev. Fr. Honore S.J who had been a renowned professor of Physics and Chemistry in the Province of Madras.

The College becomes first grade

The year 1927 was one of special significance for St. Berchmans'. The Institution was raised to the level of a First Grade College with affiliation being granted for BA Degree Course in Botany and Zoology. This necessitated a new building as well as costly laboratory equipment. The Principal had got up a plan and estimate for the same and got permission from the government to start the construction of the building. The plan outlay was Rs. 3.5 lakhs. The work began in 1926-27 itself under the supervision of Mr. O.P. Joseph, the clerk.

Delay in the construction of the Science Block

The government had released grants in advance on the assurance that the building would be complete by June 1927. Besides, Madras University had given permission to commence classes that year (1927). But the grant from the government and the fees collected from the students were inadequate to meet the mounting expenses. The principal borrowed money copiously from various banks.

Rev. Dr. James Kalacherry elevated to the Episcopal Chair

When the construction of the building was progressing at a fast pace Rev Dr James Kalacherry, lecturer in Logic was elevated to the Episcopal Chair of the Diocese (lying vacant for 2½ years) on 24th October 1927. He was consecrated on December 27, 1927. When he assumed office as the Bishop of Changanacherry on 1st January 1928 he was the youngest Bishop in the world (35 years old) Rev. Fr. Abraham Vadakkal was appointed Lecturer in Logic by the New Bishop.

The new Bishop was a bit sceptical about meeting the massive expenses for the construction of the new building. But the Principal apprised him that having received the grant from the government and the permission from the university on the assurance that the building would be complete by the time the course started there was no alternative. But the Bishop was against going on with the construction banking on borrowed money. The work suddenly came to a halt. At this time a Commission from the University visited the College and blamed the Principal for the slowing down of the construction work. The Bishop allowed him to carry on with the work without letting the Diocese incur any liability. The Principal tried to raise money from various sources. He borrowed money from a bank at 12% interest on personal security. In 1928 the Bishop started a chit fund to raise money for the College. In order to handle the accounts Rev. Fr. Koshy Mampalam was appointed Bursar. Sri Thomas Kannampuzha was asked to be the Manager of the chit fund. All this did not help matters. The expenses mounted alarmingly and the Principal was constrained to introduce a 10% cut in the salary of the employees which aroused a ripple of discontent among them.

His Excellency Lord Irwin, Viceroy and Lady Irwin visited the College on 6th December 1929.

In 1930-31 the College Day Celebrations were presided over by Dewan Bahadur, K. Ramunni Menon MA (Cantab), Vice Chancellor of Madras University.

In 1932-33 Mr. T. Austin, ICS, the Dewan of Travancore visited the College, went round the classes and laboratories and inspected the buildings.

In 1931 Syriac was introduced as second language for Intermediate classes. In 1933 Sri Chithira Thirunal Maharajah with Amma Maharani and Ilayaraja Karthika Thirunal visited the College. The Maharajah accepted gifts from the Principal, Rev. Fr. Mathew Purackal and the Manager, Monsignor Jacob Kallarackal at the college gate. The King did not alight from the royal carriage as was the custom. When the Principal disclosed that the number of students in the College was five hundred the Maharajah was filled with disbelief. He extended warm wishes to the college.

Meanwhile affiliation was granted for BA in Mathematics in 1928. Under the able supervision of Rev. Fr Koshy Mampalam, the construction of the unfinished Science Block continued. Rev. Fr. John Kurias was the government engineer. In 1934 when the ground floor was completed, Chemistry and Physics sections housed in the ground and first floors of the Arts Building were shifted to the spacious north and south wings of the new structure. In 1934 B A Economics was started.

In 1935 Sir C.P Ramaswamy Iyer, the Dewan was accorded a royal reception in the College as he came to preside over the College Day Celebrations. He made an eloquent and impressive speech. Rev. Fr. Carty, a co-member of Sir C.P in the Madras University Syndicate also spoke on the occasion.

In 1935-36 the Chief Justice of Travancore, Rao Bahadur Abraham Varghese B A, B L paid a visit to the College, and went through the various halls and laboratories. The same year the Maharaja and the Queen granted audiences to His Excellency, the Bishop and the Principal. The King exalted the Annual Day Celebrations with his presence.

Threat of disaffiliation from the University

In April 1935 the Bishop undertook a tour of Europe, Rome and Jerusalem. He chose the Principal to accompany him. Vice Principal Rev. Fr. A.C. Eapen was called upon to take charge as Acting Vice Principal during the absence of the Principal. Meanwhile on 18th September 1935 Mr. S.G. Subramanya Iyer who wielded considerable influence in the University circles, in a letter to the Syndicate alleged that there were grave irregularities in the management of the College. He had also an interview with the Vice Chancellor. He made it out that the Principal was solely responsible for the sorry state of the affairs of the College. The Syndicate was compelled to take immediate action and resolved to appoint a Commission consisting of Mr. Littlehails, the Vice Chancellor, Rev Dr. Hogg and Rev. Dr. Bertram, members of the Syndicate, to inspect the College. They visited the College on 28th, 29th and 30th October and passed a few adverse remarks: "that salaries were not paid regularly and that the Principal used to borrow large sums in his personal capacity to pay the members of the staff who were asked to stand surety to the bank. The College was stated to be financed by the Diocese. The Management admitted that as far as recurring expenses were concerned the College was self-supporting. The Management not only not contributed money for non-recurring expenditure but diverted part of the income. Liabilities increased resulting in arrears of salary necessitating the imposition of a cut in the salary". On 16-11-35 the Syndicate met and resolved to inform the Management that it was not satisfied with the continuance of Rev. Fr. Mathew Purackal as Principal. It came to the conclusion that the management of the College was unsatisfactory. It held that, for the unfortunate state of affairs the Management could not be exonerated. With it lay the ultimate responsibility for the crisis which resulted in salaries falling into arrears. It found that the Managing Committee met irregularly and at infrequent intervals. The functioning of the Managing Body was unsatisfactory, it being not composed of men capable of considering the real educational interests of the people. The committee also noted with displeasure that the accounts were kept in Malayalam.

The Syndicate resolved to institute a due and further inquiry to consider whether affiliation should be withdrawn or suspended and to inform the Management of the same. The Affiliation Committee of the Syndicate instituted an inquiry and made a report. The Syndicate met on 16th November 1935 and discussed the findings of the Commission: payment of salary was irregular, arrears had accumulated; money was borrowed for payment of salaries on teachers' security; appointment orders were not definite; salary and scales of pay were not properly fixed and there was no provident fund for teachers. The Commission also found that the College did not prepare a budget of receipts and expenditure, that the College had no bank account and that the Principal had no financial responsibility. The Commission concluded that the Principal had to renounce his post. The University informed the College officially of the threat of disaffiliation on 11th May 1936.

Rev. Fr. Mathew Purackal steps down

The Management was constrained to ask the Principal to step down. On 6th June 1936 the Management sent a reply to the University in which it was stated that Rev. Fr. Mathew

Purackal had resigned. A new Principal, Rev. Fr. Romeo Thomas was appointed in his place. Since the visit of the last Inspection Commission the Bishop by virtue of the authority vested in him as Proprietor had drawn up rules of administration for the College vesting in a new Managing Body the administration of the College. Hereafter it would be called the Managing Board appointed by the Bishop. The members were to hold office for 3 years. It would consist of the Principal, Manger (Vicar General), Pro-Manager and two members nominated jointly by the Proprietor and the Principal. The Manager was to be the Chairman and Convener of the meetings and the Principal, ex-officio Secretary. The Managing Board was required to meet at the beginning and end of each college term. The members of the reconstituted Managing Board were:

1. Rev. Fr. Sebastian Kulemkuthiyil (Manger)
2. Rev. Fr. Kurian Olassail
3. Rev. Fr. Thomas Murickal
4. Rev. Fr. Cyrac Mannanal
5. Principal

The College Council was reconstituted to include besides, the Principal and the Vice Principal, all Heads of Departments, two senior lecturers and one lecturer nominated from the junior staff. Rules of the College Council were revised.

The building programmes would be completed by the end of the academic year (1936-37). Rs.8265/- was sanctioned for the purchase of books, periodicals, apparatus, appliances etc. Service rules, Service Registers etc. were framed. An account was opened with Pala Central Bank to be operated by the President of the Managing Board and the Principal together. The Managing Board met regularly.

Arrears of salary accumulated in the previous years were completely cleared. Principal was given financial control only within the limits of the approved budget for the running of the College. The Diocese and the Management had paid all money left unpaid in the previous year. The account of the College upto 30th May 1936 was audited by a duly certified auditor. The Management assured the Syndicate that they would maintain all the necessary records and requested the Syndicate to be kind enough not to proceed with the proposal for withdrawing affiliation.

The Syndicate sent out a special Inspection Commission to the College to make a thorough inspection of the College and the working of all the departments. The members of the commission were:

Dr. A Lakshmana Swamy Mudaliyar – Vice Chancellor

Rev. Dr. A Hogg
Sr. K.C Moudgill
Mr. H.C Papwoth
Mr. C.J. Varkey

The Commission visited the College on 28th, and 29th July 1936 and had a detailed inspection of the laboratories, class rooms, library, hostels and play grounds. They had an interview with the Principal, members of the Managing committee, all Heads of Departments

and any other member as desired to be interviewed. Some members had an interview with the Bishop on 29th July.

The Commission felt that there was sufficient accommodation to carry on the work of the College. The ground floor of the New Building had been completed where Physics and Chemistry laboratories were accommodated. Construction of the top storey was pending for a long time. Pressure was being mounted by the government to complete the construction as grants had already been received for the purpose. The Principal assured the Commission that tenders had already been invited and work would begin soon. The necessary documents also were shown.

The Commission was convinced that genuine efforts had been made to remedy many of the defects pointed out by the last Commission. The previous Principal had left a liability amounting to Rs. 22,656/-. Of this Rs. 1316/- was paid before March 1936. Rs.20,530/- was paid to various firms. The only amount remaining was £60/- to M/s Blackwell and Co, London by way of interest due. Salary arrears to teachers upto July 1936 were cleared. Since the opening of the academic year salaries were paid on a fixed basis. The total amount of pay including arrears due to the members of the staff upto the reopening of the College was Rs.13577/-. It was paid from the contribution from the Bishop as it could not be met from the fee collection.

On 31st December 1935 the Diocesan Council had passed a resolution to assign to the Managing Board the Diocesan rubber plantation known as Kudukkavally Estate consisting of 130 acres in Kanjirappally Pakuthy, in order to provide for the financial stability of the College. The Council empowered the Board to draw upon its income and authorized the Chairman of the Managing Board to credit the same to the College accounts. The copy of the Deed of Assignment of the Endowment property to the Managing Board was drawn up. The annual recurring income of Rs.8000/- from the endowment property would go to the College funds. If there was a deficit it would be made up by the Bishop. The total deficit for 1936-37, Rs.17032 was met by the Bishop. Besides, money required for the completion of the new building was advanced by the Bishop.

But the Commission had its own reservations about many other things. It was not satisfied with the reconstituted Managing Board because all members were nominees of the Bishop and they lacked the necessary university education. The Principal alone was an exception. Unless there was a radical change in the constitution of the Managing Board, the Commission could not recommend continuance of affiliation. In the opinion of the Commission the Managing Board had to consist of:

Vicar General – ex-officio president

A nominee of the Bishop who should be a graduate of a recognized university.

Principal – ex-officio

A representative of the college council

A nominee of the Director of public Instruction.

Or A person nominated by the Superior General of the Jesuit Mission of Madras from among the Principals or Professors of the Jesuit Order in colleges affiliated to or recognized by the University.

The Managing Board had to be legally registered under the Society Registration Act.

The Commission proposed that for the internal management of the College a properly constituted College Council should function. It was undoubtedly to be an advisory body in all matters. Ultimate responsibility for the proper administration of the College had to be vested in the Principal. The council was to consist of the Principal, the Vice Principal and one member of the staff.

The Commission also noted that the conditions under which the teachers were working were far from satisfactory. The practice of terminating their services and getting them enter into a fresh contract for two years was unfair to them and not in the interest of the College.

Permanently employed staff were to be allowed to continue in permanent service. After a period of probation of two or three years they had to be confirmed in service.

The Management had to take steps to open a providend fund account and frame definite rules for the same. Each member in permanent service had to contribute a fixed percentage of his salary. The Management had to contribute a sum equal to the contribution made by the subscribers until the time the government was prepared to put in its share. The amount together with the Management's contribution was to be separately kept in a P F account.

Rev. Fr. Mathew Purackal

It is only proper here that we duly acknowledge the great services rendered by Rev. Fr. Mathew Purackal lest he should be misunderstood by at least some especially because he had to leave in controversial circumstances. At a time when Central Travancore was badly in need of a college he undertook to build up an institution of great standing. Within a short span of six years he raised it to the status of a first grade college. He never relied upon the Diocese or the Bishop for money as the latter had told him explicitly that he had to bear the burden of running the college and finding the necessary resources. When the College was in dire need of money for the increased expenses, he had to procure it from other sources, which naturally led to a financial crisis. Since he had to mobilize funds for the construction of building one after the other, for buying books and journals, laboratory equipment, chemicals etc there was a chronic financial crunch.

It was only when things came to a head that he was compelled to cut down the salary of teachers. There may have been general discontent among the teachers but what made things worse was the allegation by some teachers that the Principal was solely responsible for the crisis. He devoted all his life and time to the uplift of the College which was close to his heart. He was at the helm of the College for fourteen eventful years steering it through difficult waters to the harbour of safety. He was tireless, dedicated and was ready to sacrifice even his good name for the sake of the institution. Here it is worth remembering the compliment paid to him by the Rajapramukh, Sri. Chithirathirunna Balaramavarma. In 1952-53 on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee Celebrations of the Science Departments the King lauded the efforts of Rev. Fr. Mathew Purackal in raising the College from very humble beginnings to the then stable and premier position. He was keen in the selection of able teachers and in the orderly behaviour of students. He bore a large heart and sympathized with the needy students and took pains to see them well placed in life. It was unfortunate that he had to give up the stewardship of the College he so well loved.

CHAPTER II

THE COLLEGE IS INCORPORATED IN THE UNIVERSITY OF TRAVANCORE

Rev. Fr. Romeo Thomas takes charge as Principal

In November 1935 Rev. Fr. A.C. Eapen (Vice Principal) was called upon to fill the void

created by the unexpected exit of Rev. Fr. Mathew Purackal and he became Acting Principal. Mr. R.P. Kulandai Swamy Pillai of the English Department was designated as Acting Vice Principal. On 10th March 1936. Rev. Fr. Romeo Thomas took charge as Principal. The Management was reconstituted in accordance with the directions of the university. The rules of administration and the service rules for the staff were revised. The salaries and scales of salaries were standardized. The Commission from the University which visited the College in 1936 placed on record its appreciation of the work done by the Principal, Rev. Fr. Romeo Thomas. The Commission also heaped praise on the College for the efficiency of the staff, excellent discipline on the campus, individual attention paid to students, extracurricular activities and above all the good results. The year also saw the introduction of half-an-hour of religious instruction three times a week for catholic students and moral instruction for non-catholic students.

Meanwhile affiliation for BA in Economics was granted with effect from 1934-35. In 1936 Rev. Fr. Joseph Hadriyan TOCD replaced Rev. Fr. Koshy Mampalam as Bursar.

The year 1938-39 was a turning point in the history of the College. The College was admitted to the privileges of the Travancore University (initially only for the junior classes) in the organization of which the Principal also had a share. The Principal was made a member of the Committee appointed for advising the special University Officer for the purpose. The College was consulted on all matters connected with the formation of the University. The government. guaranteed to the College all the freedom it enjoyed under the Madras University.

In 1938 Syriac was introduced as Second Language for the Intermediate and Degree classes and Sanskrit for the Degree classes.

His Excellency Rt. Rev. Dr. James Kalacherry was nominated as a member of the Senate. As per the assurance given by the Special Officer for the University the Principal was nominated as ex-officio member of the Senate and the Syndicate. This privilege was in force only till 1957 when the Kerala University was established.

In 1939 the College ceased admission to the Madras University and was fully incorporated in the University of Travancore. It should be noted that St. Berchmans was the only Catholic College among the four private colleges admitted to the privileges of the University. In point of strength the College was the largest outside Trivandrum. The courses offered by the College at this juncture were:

Intermediate

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| Part I | - | English |
| Part II | - | Malayalam, Sanskrit, Syriac |
| Part III | - | Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Botany, Zoology, History and Logic |

Degree

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| Part I | - | English |
| Part II | - | Languages |
| Part III | - | B A Economics, History, Mathematics, Botany and Zoology |

The following were the members of the Managing Board, which monitored the functioning of the College.

- 1) Rev. Fr. Josph Vechianickal, officiating Vicar General of the Diocese – President – ex-officio
- 2) Very Rev. Fr. A Bonhoure S J, P L D – Provincial of the Jesuits of South India (Madras Province)
- 3) Rev. Fr. Romeo Thomas T O C D, M A L T, Principal, Secretary, ex-officio
- 4) Rev. Fr. A C Eapen B A, Ph.D – Vice Principal
- 5) Mr. I C Chacko B A, B Sc (London), A R S M, A R C S (London), Retd Director of Industries
- 6) Rev. Fr. Josph Alencherry – Correspondent

In 1939 Rev. Fr. Joseph Hadrian was relieved from service as lecturer in Syriac, but he continued as Bursar till 1941. He had rendered valuable service in the construction of the Science Building. Rev. Fr. K.V. Joseph succeeded him as Bursar.

On 1st October 1943, Rev. Fr. Koshy Mampalam, the former Bursar of the College passed away. He had joined St. Berchmans after serving as Headmaster and Correspondent of SB High School for twelve years. The Arts Block, S.H Hostel and the ground floor of the Science Block were completed during his term. He was also the director of the College Chit Fund for seven years.

On 2nd February 1945 the College Day was celebrated in conjunction with the Sacerdotal Silver Jubilee of His Excellency Dr. James Kalacherry, the Patron of the College. Chevalier M. Rathinaswamy MA (Cantab), Bar-at-Law, Vice Chancellor, Annamalai University presided over the celebrations. H.C. Papworth M A, I E S (Retd) Prof. of English, University of Travancore and former Principal, Presidency College, Madras was a speaker on the occasion.

Rev. Fr. Romeo Thomas retired in 1944 to join Sacred Heart College, Thevara as its first Principal. He was a hard taskmaster who insisted on orderliness and discipline in every sphere of activity to the extent that at times it led to grumbling and discontent among the staff. He would never compromise on the do's and don'ts of the staff and the students. He was called upon to systematize the orderly administration of the College by strictly following the directives of the University Commission. The Managing Board and the College Council were reconstituted during his tenure as he saw that good governance also counted in the day to day affairs of a college. He was farsighted enough to enlist the services of such men of undisputed renown as Prof. M.P. Paul, Prof. C.A. Sheppard and Prof. O'Brien.

Rev. Fr. William assumes charge as Principal

In 1944 Rev. Fr. William T O C D, M A, L T succeeded Rev. Fr. Romeo Thomas as Principal. Rev. Fr. A C Eapen retired from Vice Principalship and Rev. Fr. P.C. Mathew was appointed in his place. In 1945 affiliation for B.Sc Physics was granted.

In 1946 Mr. H.C, Papworth presided over the Annual Day Celebrations and Mrs. Papworth gave away the prizes.

Dr. James Kalacherry passes away

St. Berchmans community was saddened by the sudden demise of Rt. Rev Dr. James Kalacherry, the Patron of the College on 27th October 1949. One of the great patrons of higher education in India, he had spearheaded the campaign against Sir C.P. Ramaswamy Iyer's attempts to nationalize the private primary schools of the state. He wrote a strong pastoral letter

protesting the policy of the government and exhorting the people not to surrender any of the schools. Sir C.P took offence and served an order on the Bishop asking him to withdraw the pastoral letter within seven days or face the prospect of being arrested or prosecuted. The Bishop remained calm and cool and replied in a single sentence “Quod Scriptum Scriptum est (what is written is written) Sir C. P had to bow his head before the organized strength of the Catholics. This marked the beginning of his downfall. His Excellency played an important role in the origin and development not only of St. Berchmans’ College but also of Assumption College which was started at his initiative. In 1949 he felt the poignant need for educating catholic women.

On 12th August 1949 he laid the foundation for Assumption College. The work went forward in spite of His Excellency’s demise on 27th October 1949. Assumption College started functioning as an annex of St. Berchmans on 4th July 1950. Rev Fr. Thomas William and Rev Fr P.C. Mathew, Principals of St. Berchmans continued to be the Principals of Assumption till 1955 when it became an independent institution. The professors of St. Berchmans were given special permission to take classes in Assumption College. From 1950 to 1957 when Assumption became first grade ladies were given admission in S.B for Degree classes.

Rev. Fr. Mathew Kavukatt consecrated Bishop

The year 1950 was particularly blessed for St. Berchmans because on 9th November that year Rev. Fr. Mathew Kavukatt, lecturer in Syriac and hostel warden was elevated as the Bishop of Changanacherry by the Holy See. The College had a new Patron in him. In 1951 Rev. Fr. K.V. Joseph left the College to become the Principal of Fathima Matha National College, Quilon. Rev. Fr. Gregory Karikkampally took charge as Bursar.

Affiliation for B.Sc Chemistry was granted in 1951. To mark the Silver Jubilee of the Natural Science Departments a grand Science Exhibition was conducted in 1952 in which all the science Departments participated and put up stalls. The Exhibition and the College Day celebrations were inaugurated by H.H Rajapramukh, Sri Chithira Thirunal Balarama Varma. Amma Maharani was also present on the occasion. Rajapramukh made an impressive speech in which he showered praise on Rev. Fr. Mathew Puraackal and the Bishop of Changanacherry who nurtured the College over the years. Students from over a hundred schools and a good number of citizens visited the exhibition.

In 1953 the foundation for the Biology Block was laid by Cardinal Tiserant, head of the Pontifical Oriental Congregation. The Cardinal was given a civic reception in the town and was led to the College in a procession.

In 1953 Rev. Fr. William retired. He guided the destinies of the College for a decade with total commitment. He was an experienced educationist and able administrator. Though soft and gentle he could excel in every field of college activity. He was easily available because he spent almost all his time in the office. There was perfect co-ordination between him and the Vice Principal as they always worked in tandem.

CHAPTER III

THE COLLEGE BECOMES A FULL-FLEDGED POST-GRADUATE-INSTITUTION

Rev. Fr. P.C Mathew appointed Principal

In 1953 Rev. Fr. P.C. Mathew was appointed Principal following the retirement of Rev. Fr. William. Rev. Fr. Francis Kalacherry, lecturer in Chemistry was appointed Vice Principal.

In 1954-55 the college community honoured Rev. Fr. Mathew Purackal, the first Principal by inviting him to be the Chief Guest for the College Day Celebrations. He graciously accepted the invitation. It was a fitting tribute to the man who had toiled all his life for the uplift of the College.

In 1956 the Sacerdotal Silver Jubilee of Rev. Fr. Gregory Karikkampally, the Bursar was celebrated by the college community. The same year Rev. Fr. Francis Kalacherry moved over to Mar Ivanios College Trivandrum to take charge as its Principal. Rev. Dr NA Thomas was appointed Vice Principal in his place. The Intermediate Course was converted into the one year Pre-University course.

On 4th March 1956 Msgr Jacob Kallarackal passed away at age of 92. He was a great patron and benefactor of the College. It was he who as administrator transferred the College to the present site. The construction of the Science Block was begun and the College was raised to the status of First Grade during his stint as Manager. He was the President of the Managing Board for many years. After the passing away of Mar James Kalacherry he once again assumed charge as the Manager of the College for a short period. He consented to meet the expenses for the construction of the Assembly Hall (Mgr Kallarackal Hall) and the Chapel. The College community owes a deep debt of gratitude to this noble soul.

Kerala University comes into being

In 1957 as per the Kerala University Bill passed in the Legislative Assembly Travancore University ceased existence and in its place University of Kerala came into being. The colleges in Kochi and Malabar which had been affiliated to the Madras University were also brought under its jurisdiction.

In 1957 the University started the three year degree course. Affiliation was granted for MA in Economics. The College was selected for conducting the Pre-professional Course for students aspiring for professional education. In 1959 cardinal Valerian Gracius, Archbishop of Bombay and the first Cardinal of India visited the College as he was invited to be the Chief Guest for the College Day Celebrations. Affiliation for BA in Malayalam was granted in 1959 and for MA in the same discipline in 1960.

On 5th July 1960, Rev. Fr. Mathew Purackal, the first Principal passed away at Bangalore. His body was brought to the College at 8 pm on Wednesday 6th July. The Principal Rev. Fr. P.C. Mathew placed a wreath on his body. Rev. Fr. NA Thomas paid glowing tributes to the deceased for the invaluable services he had rendered to the College. His body was taken to Pulincunnu and he was laid to rest in his native soil.

In 1961 Rev. Fr. P.C. Mathew retired. With total commitment he worked hard for the uplift of the College. Though a strict disciplinarian he had always a soft corner for teachers and students. He always set high standards for teachers and would react harshly when shortcomings were perceived. The College was raised to the PG level during his reign. A good number of PG and UG courses were started under his initiative. He took great pains in maintaining the position which the College had acquired.

Rev. Fr. Francis Kalacherry takes charge as Principal

In 1961 Rev. Fr. Francis Kalacherry returned from Mar Ivanios College to take charge as Principal. Rev. Dr. NA Thomas left the College. Rev. Fr. Kuriakose Aennekkatt was appointed Vice Principal. Affiliation was granted for M Sc in Botany and Physics. In 1962 affiliation was granted for Pre-University Commerce (one batch). In 1963 affiliation was granted for B Com. 1964 saw the commencement of B A English Language and Literature and MSc Chemistry. One-year Pre-university course was replaced by the two year Pre-degree Course. The College celebrated the nomination of Rev. Fr. Francis's Kalacherry as Papal Chamberlain (Monsignor). Rev. Dr. Antony Kurialacherry, Lecturer in Economics went over to Nirmalagiri College, Koothuparampu as he was appointed Principal of that college. The College Arts Club celebrated the Quater Centenary of William Shakespeare. To mark the occasion *King Lear* was put on stage. Prof. C.A. Sheppard directed the play.

The construction of the Biology Block was started in 1964. A plan and estimate of Rs.7 lakhs was submitted to the U.G.C. through the University. Affiliation was granted for Pre-Degree Commerce (one batch)

Representatives of the staff and the students participated in the International Eucharistic Congress held at Bombay from 28 November to 6 December 1965. They were blessed by Pope John Paul VI.

In 1965 Vice Principal, Rev. Fr. Kuriakose Aennekkatt moved over to St. Dominic's College, Kanjirappally to take over as its Principal. Rev. Fr. Mathew Pulickaparampil was appointed Vice Principal. Affiliation was granted for P G courses in Zoology and Mathematics. Rev. Fr. William, former Principal passed away on 15th August 1965.

Science Exhibition and Arts Festival

From 12 to 26 November 1965 a grand Science Exhibition and an Arts Festival were conducted to raise funds for the development of the College. The exhibition was inaugurated by Sri. Pattomthanu Pillai, the Governor of Andhra Pradesh on 12th November 1965. It was a very important event in the history of the College. 105 teachers 54 members of the non-teaching staff and 2200 students under the able leadership of the Principal worked hard and made the programme a grand success. Indian Railways, Rubber Board of India, F A C T, Dept. of Agriculture, Dept. of Health, French Embassy, M R F, Homoeo College, Kurichy and all the Science Departments of the College put up stalls. It afforded four hours of interesting and informative experience for the thousands from all over Kerala who visited the exhibition. The Arts Festival included performances by premier dramatic troupes of Kerala: Geedha Arts Club Changanacherry, Viswakerala Kala Samithi, People's Theatre, Kerala Dramatic Club etc. A drama was staged under the leadership of Sri. Prem Nazir, alumnus of St. Berchmans' and evergreen hero of Malayalam film world. Ganamela by A.M. Raja and Jicky added colour to the programme. Sri. K.C. Chacko, Director of Technical Education presided over the valedictory functions on 28th November. Prof. M.P. Manmadhan, Sri. K. Balakrishnan and S. Gopal, District Collector also spoke on the occasion. Out of a return of Rs. three lakhs the College made a net profit of Rs. one lakh which was added to the college building funds.

The Departments of Zoology and Botany and the College office were shifted to the newly built Biology Block.

In 1966 the reorganized B.A, B.Sc and Special B.Sc courses were introduced as continuation of the two year Pre-Degree course.

On 2nd March 1967 an I.C. Symposium was held to honour the memory of Chevalier I.C. Chacko, the first lay member of the Managing Board who had passed away on 26th May 1966. He had made a mark as a great scholar and poet. Literary giants of the day like prof. Joseph Mundassery, Prof. Sooranattu Kunjan Pillai, Sri Kuttanad Ramakrishna Pillai and Sri P.K. Narayana Pillai presented papers in the Symposium.

In 1967-68 M A in English Language and Literature was started. Sociology was introduced as a subsidiary subject for BA Economics and English. In June 1967 the third floor of the Biology Block was completed and the Botany Department was shifted to the same. Formal inauguration of the Biology Block took place on 18th January 1968. Cardinal Maxmillian Fourstenburg, Prefect of the Oriental Churches inaugurated and opened the Block in the gracious presence of Pro-nuncio Mar Joseph Caprion and the Patron Mar Mathew Kavukatt.

On 24th April 1969 Rev. Fr. P.C. Mathew, former Principal passed away.

On 9th October 1969 Rev. Dr. Mathew Kavukatt, the Patron of the College passed away. He was a saintly soul whose benign influence was always a source of inspiration for the College. It is the earnest wish of all Berchmanites that he is beatified and canonized in the fullness of time.

Mar Antony Padiyara who had been the Bisop of Ooty Diocese succeeded Mar Mathew Kavukatt as the Archbishop of Changanacherry and the Patron of the College on 4th June 1970.

In 1970 Rev. Monsignor Francis Kalacherry retired. He was a strict disciplinarian, very much concerned about the academic wellbeing of the College. He never tolerated incompetence among the teachers. It was because of his initiative that the College got affiliation for as many as six P.G. courses and various special B.Sc courses.

Rev. Dr. Antony Kurialacherry assumes charge as Principal

Following the retirement of Rev. Msgr Francis Kalacherry on 31st March 1970 Rev. Fr. Mathew Pulickaparampil took charge as Acting Principal. In June 1970. Rev. Dr. Antony Kurialacherry took over as Pncipal. The services Prof. D. Varghese of the Economics Department were lent to St. Dominic's College Kanjirappally as he was appointed Principal there.

In 1970 Prof. C.Z. Scaria was elected member of the Syndicate of Kerala University. His was a powerful voice and he was a decisive influence on the deliberations of the University.

In 1971 Rev. Dr. A.C. Eapen after 36 years of service as Logic lecturer, Vice Principal, Acting Principal and Spiritual Director left for his home parish of Anakkallu on 9th July. Foundation for Archbishop Kavukatt hall was laid by his Grace Mar Antony Padiyara on 15th August 1971.

In March 1971 Prof. M.M. Joseph of the Malayalam Department was elected member of the Indian Parliament. Besides being a popular teacher he was also an eloquent speaker. As an MP he made a mark of his own and enhanced the reputation of the College.

Rev. Fr. Joseph Powathil elevated as Bishop

The year 1972 was one in which the Almighty showered abundant blessings on the College as Rev. Fr. Joseph Powathil, lecturer in Economics was elevated to the position of the Auxiliary Bishop of Changanacherry on 29th January 1972.

Rt. Rev. Dr. L.J. Chittoor laid the foundation for the Staff Lodge and His Lordship Rev. Dr. Joseph Powathil for the new Library Building.

Direct payment introduced

Till 1972 salary was paid to the teachers by the Management from the fees collected

from the students and the grant from the government. But in 1972 the government increased the pay scales of teachers without a corresponding increase in fees or grant. Worse was to follow because fee rates were reduced to make it equal to that of the government colleges. The tension became acute when the government by the Kerala University First Statutes dated 6-3-1972 introduced restrictions on the freedom to select staff and students. Then the Government came forward with a proposal for direct payment on condition that the managements submitted themselves to these restrictions. This was not acceptable to the managements. They closed down the colleges in protest against the stringent measures in the government proposal. Prolonged discussions led to an agreement between the government and the managements according to which the participation of a representative of the Government and the university was mandatory in the appointment of the teaching and the non-teaching staff. They had to act as members of the Selection Committee.

The College Celebrates the Golden Jubilee of its inception

The Golden Jubilee celebrations of the establishment of the College officially commenced with the blessing of the Archbishop Kavukatt Hall by His Grace Antony Padiyara on the 1st of January 1974. He paid warm compliment to the Principal for fulfilling the long felt desire of the college community to have a fitting memorial for Archbishop Mathew Kavukatt. His Eminence Sebastian Vayalil, Bishop of Palai unveiled the portrait of Late Archbishop Mar Mathew Kavukatt. While unveiling the portrait he said that the magnificent hall was a fitting tribute to the large and rich heart of the saintly Bishop. It was followed by a concelebrated Mass.

Jubilee celebrations started on 17th January 1974 with a joint meeting of the Alumni and the Guardians. His Eminence Sebastian Vayalil, Bishop of Pala presided over the meeting. Mar Joseph Kureethadam, former lecturer in English and Bursar of the College and the former Principal of Fathima Matha National College Quilon and St. Thomas College, Pala; Sri. Kidangoor Gopalakrishna Pillai, General Secretary N S S; Dr. A.P. Mani and Dr. Sivaprasad were speakers on the occasion. The Literary and Science Congress on the 18th of January was inaugurated by Dr. R.S. Krishnan, Vice Chancellor of Kerala University; Prof. Guptan Nair, Malayalam litterateur; Sri. Cyril Ninan, P M G; Prof. O. Lukose and Prof. K.M. Chandy were the distinguished speakers of the day. The Education Conference held on 19th January was presided over by Prof. V.V. John, the famous educationist and one of the former teachers of the College. Rev. Fr. T.M. Sequeria S.J., former member of the Managing Board and Sri. K.M. George, MLA enlightened the audience with masterly speeches. The valedictory session on 28th January was inaugurated by His Excellency N.N. Wanchoo, Governor of Kerala. Hon. Minister Sri. M.N. Govindran Nair, His Excellency Mar Yuhanan Mar Thoma, Archbishop Mar Clemis, and Mr. M.M. Joseph, MP graced the occasion with their presence and regaled the audience with nice words. Art festivals and Intercollegiate competitions for Golden Jubilee Challenge Trophies also were held.

The newly built Staff Quarters was blessed by His Lordship Mar Joseph Powathil. In 1974-75 Rev. Fr. Philip Chavara assumed charge as Barsar.

In 1975 the College was chosen as a member of the International Federation of Catholic Universities. That St. Berchmans' was one among the seven colleges selected from India and three from Kerala was noteworthy. In connection with the Kalidasa centenary celebrations Kalidasa's immortal play *Sakuntalam* was staged.

On 28th December 1976 Rev. Fr. A.C. Eapen, the spiritual guardian of St Berchmas passed away. He is remembered with overflowing gratitude by all Berchmanites.

Rev. Dr. Joseph Powathil, President of the Managing Board became the first Bishop of the New Diocese of Kanjirappally on 26th February 1977. Rev. Dr. Antony Kurialacherry, before

his formal retirement left for Delhi to take charge as the Director of Caritas India on 1st June 1977. Affiliation was granted for a second Batch of Pre-Degree commerce.

Abundantly blessed with leadership qualities Dr. Antony Kurialacherry was able to garner the support of each and every member of the college community. He perceived the importance of enhancing infrastructural facility. During his innings as Principal the Archbishop Kavukattu Hall, the College Library (New Building) and the Staff Quarters were constructed. Direct payment for the teaching and non-teaching faculty was introduced during his time.

Rev. Fr. Mathew Pulickaparampil assumes charge as Principal

Rev. Fr. Mathew Pulickaparampil took up the reins of the College as the next Principal on 1st June 1977. The College was selected by the UGC as one of the lead colleges.

On 4/6/1979 Rev. Dr. L.J. Chittoor who had served the College as lecturer in Logic, Vicar General and Manager passed away. He had shown tremendous administrative skill in overseeing the affairs of the College.

In 1979-80 the shift system for Pre-Degree was introduced. Along with this the number of Pre-Degree batches was raised from six to eleven in July 1981. Prof. A.E. Augustine was appointed Vice Principal. In 1981 affiliation was granted for M.Com. In 1980-81 Rev. Fr. Gregory Paruvaparampil was appointed Bursar.

In 1983 Prof. A.E. Augustine retired as Vice Principal. Mahatma Gandhi University (originally Gandhiji University) was established and the College was affiliated to the new University. The College was chosen as the venue for conducting M Sc in Material Science under MG University.

In 1984 Rev. Fr. Joseph Maroor was appointed Vice Principal. Affiliation was granted for M.Sc. in Analytical Chemistry.

Rev. Fr. Mathew Pulickaparampil retired on 31st March 1985. He was disarmingly simple but very much devoted to the College. He took care to maintain intimate personal relationships with both the students and the staff. He knew every inmate of the College by name and even their family details.

CHAPTER IV

THE COLLEGE IS RECOGNIZED AS A RESEARCH CENTRE BY THE UNIVERSITY

Rev. Dr. Joseph M.T. Maroor takes charge as Principal

Rev. Dr. Joseph M.T. Maroor took charge as Principal on 1st April 1985 succeeding Rev. Fr. Mathew Pulickaparampil. Rev. Dr. George Madathiparampil was appointed Vice Principal and Bursar. Rev. Fr. Gregory Paruvaparampil, Bursar of the College went over to St. Aloysius' College, Edathua to take charge as its Principal. His Grace Mar Antony Padiyara left for

Ernakulam on 18th May 1985 in his capacity as the Metropolitan Archbishop of the Ernakulam Diocese.

Rev. Dr. Antony Padiyara endeared himself to all by virtue of his incomparably sweet nature. He was a rare blend of fine qualities. He was accessible to all and he took care to maintain cordial relations with even the larger public. He was a stickler for punctuality. He was gifted with a fine sense of humour and his speeches were suffused with jokes.

Mar Joseph Powathil returned to Changanacherry on 16th November 1985 as the New Archbishop. Realizing that faculty enrichment and research capability was the need of the hour quite a few members of the faculty had qualified themselves as doctors. In their respective disciplines. In recognition of this the departments of English, Physics, Botany and Zoology were made research centers by the University. Rev. Fr. Mathew Pulickaparampil became the Vicar General and Manager of the College.

Diamond Jubilee of the Commencement of the Natural Science Courses

In 1986 the College celebrated the Diamond Jubilee of its becoming a first grade college. The year also marked the Silver Jubilee of the commencement of Post-graduate classes.

The Jubilee Celebrations were inaugurated by Sri Giani Zail Singh, the President of India on 31st August 1986. He also laid the foundation for the Research Block. The inaugural meeting was graced by dignitaries of the Church and the State: Mar Joseph Powathil, Arch Bishop of Changanacherry and the Patron of the College; His Excellency P. Ramachandran, the Governor of Kerala; Sri K. Karunakaran, Hon. Chief Minister of Kerala; Sri. M.M. Jacob, Hon Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha; Sri K.M Mani and Sri P.J. Joseph, Hon. Ministers were among them.

In the months of September and October Seminars of various kinds and literary and arts competitions were conducted. The climax of the celebrations was the Science and Industrial Exhibition conducted from November 14 to December 3. Sri. E Ahmed, the Industry Minister inaugurated the Industrial Exhibition and Sri T.M. Jacob, the Education Minister inaugurated the Science Exhibition. The industries that participated in the exhibition were: the Indian Railways, Keltron, Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre, Hindustan Machine Tools, the Coconut Research Centre, the Fisheries, Postal and Handicrafts Departments, the ANERT and Medical College Kottayam. The Departments of Physics, Chemistry, Botany and Zoology also participated in the Science Exhibition. The exhibition was a feast for the eyes and the mind. It was visited by over 1,50,000 people of which the majority were students from schools and colleges.

An Arts Festival was also organized which included dramatic performances and musical concerts. The College Arts Club presented its Jubilee production of Shakespeare's *Macbeth*, enacted by the staff and students of the College. Prof. K.V. Joseph and Prof. C.C. Thomas directed the play.

The valedictory functions of the celebrations were held on 29th November 1986. It was presided over by Sri. K.M. Chandy, the Hon. Governor of Madhya Pradesh. Sri. P. A. Sagma the Hon. Central Minister for Labour delivered the valedictory message and Thachady Prabhakaran, the Finance Minister graced the occasion with a felicitation speech. All the members of the teaching and non-teaching staff and the student community worked day and night for the success of the event.

In 1987-88 Mar Joseph Powathil, our Patron completed 25 years of priestly life. It was a sweet coincidence that the Sacerdotal Silver Jubilee of Rev. Dr. Joseph Maroor, the Principal happened to be the same year. The occasions were celebrated fittingly and the St. Berchmans community joined together to offer thanks to the Almighty.

His Eminence Cardinal Lourde Swamy visited the College on 5th August 1987 in connection with the Centenary Celebration of the Archdiocese.

Msgr Francis Kalacherry, former Principal passed away On 27th June 1991

In 1991 the Research Block was blessed by Mar Joseph Powathil. The Seminar Hall was named Archbishop Mar Joseph Powathil Hall. Rev. Dr. Joseph M.T. Maroor retired on 31st March 1991.

Rev. Dr. Joseph Maroor was gifted with plenty of administrative acumen. He would readily give recognition wherever it was due. Discipline on the campus and discipline in work was his watchword. He had an academic vision and naturally research activities gained a boost during his tenure. Research Block was inaugurated and research activities were co-ordinated.

Rev. Dr. George Madathiparampil is appointed Principal

Following the retirement of Rev. Dr. Joseph Maroor Rev. Dr. George Madathiparampil took charge as Principal on 1st April 1991. Prof. K.J. George and Rev. Fr. Antony Kadavil were appointed Vice Principal and Bursar respectively.

In 1992 the College started publication of *S B Academic Review*, an interdisciplinary Research Journal published bi-annually. It seeks to promote and co-ordinate academic pursuits and research projects in the Sciences and the Humanities. All the departments collaborate by contributing articles. Prof. K.V. Joseph, one of our distinguished former members, was the first editor of the magazine and he continued in the job for six years. At present Prof. Josy Joseph (English Department) and Prof. George Varghese (Physics Department) are in charge of the editing work.

In 1992 Prof. K.J. George retired and Rev. Fr. Joseph Vattakkalam was appointed Vice Principal. The College celebrated the 70th year of its inception. The Jubilee Celebrations were inaugurated by the Lok Sabha Speaker, Shivaraj Patil on 16th November 1992. the Union Minister of State for Industries Prof. P.J. Kurian presided over the meeting. Archbishop Mar Joseph Powathil, the Patron; Dr. A Sukumaran Nair, Vice Chancellor, M G University; Sri Sajan Peter, Collector of Kottayam and Sri P.C. Thomas, MP were the other guests who graced the occasion with their presence. A grand Science and Industrial Exhibition was conducted from 19th November to 29th November 1992. Government departments, leading Industrial Units and Public Sector Undertakings participated in the Industrial Exhibition. The Programmes included a Mini Arts Festival; a Literary Conference; a Seminar on Science, Technology and Environment; a Cultural Conference; an Educational Conference and an Alumni Meeting.

In 1992 the Executive Council of the International Federation of the Catholic Universities was held in the College. In 1993 Rev. Dr. Mathew PUNCHAYIL replaced Rev. Fr. Antony Kadavil as Bursar.

In 1994 Principal Rev. Dr. George Madathiparampil was elected President of the All India Association for Christian Higher Education. Research Centre for Malayalam was inaugurated by Dr. A Sukumaran Nair, Vice Chancellor of M G University. Foundation for the Management Block was laid by Archbishop Mar Joseph Powathil on 30th March 1994.

In 1995 the College began publication of *S.B College News Letter*, a quarterly news bulletin. *The News Letter* has been envisaged as a medium of communication with former students, guardians and benefactors of the College.

In 1995 Rev. Dr. Philips Wadakkalam of the English Department was deputed to Marian College, Kuttikanam to take charge as Principal there. Centre for Durrell Studies and Centre for Kamala Das Studies were opened as also the English Language Laboratory and the Environment Research Laboratory. In 1996 Rev. Fr. Jose Viruppel took charge as Bursar.

In 1996 with the advent of the UGC sponsored courses the College was chosen to conduct BA in Communicative English. The sponsorship was for five years.

The Principal and the Management realized that diversification of courses and the need to enter the professional stream was essential for survival in view of the mushrooming of Arts and Science colleges all around. The Management Block (the foundation had already been laid) was blessed by Archbishop Mar Joseph Powathil and the Institute was formally inaugurated by Hon'ble Minister for Education, Sri. P.J. Joseph on 29-1-96. It was a landmark in the history of the College. The College owes a debt of gratitude to Rev. Dt. George Madathiparampil, the then Principal whose vision and foresight made the Institute a reality and to Dr. C.V. Ananda Bose, our illustrious alumnus who played a vital role in getting sanction for the Institute. Without the latter's help this would probably have remained an unfulfilled dream. At the time of its inception the St. Berchmans' Institute of Management was the only aided Management Institute in the State apart from the Rajagiri College of Social Sciences.

On 7th January 1996 Rev. Fr. Mathew Pulickaparampil, former Principal and Manager passed away. The College bagged the first R. Sankar Award for the Best Special Grade Private College in the State.

Rev. Dr. George Madathiparampil retired on 31st March 1996. He was in the saddle for five years. He dedicated himself totally to the betterment of the College. It was during his tenure and largely because of his enthusiasm that the College could enter the professional stream with the inauguration of the M.B.A Department. He had a vision for the College and he worked tenaciously for its fulfillment. So much is his love for the College that he would never miss an opportunity to visit the institution. In his capacity as the Vicar General of the newly formed Chicago Diocese of the Syro Malabar Church his guidance and support are invaluable.

Rev. Dr. Joseph Vattakkalam is appointed Principal. Platinum Jubilee of the College is celebrated

Rev. Dr. Joseph Vattakkalam succeeded Rev. Dr. George Madathiparampil as Principal on 1st April 1996. Rev. Dr. Mathew Punchayil was appointed Vice Principal. In 1996 the College entered the 75th year of its inception. A Media Celebration through the Malayalam and English Dailies of June 9, 1996 marked the beginning of the Jubilee year, 1996-97. Benefactors' Day and the inauguration of the Benefactor's Club was held on 3rd July. Mar Joseph

Pallickaparampil, Bishop of Pala was the Chief guest. 13th August (St. Berchmans' Day) was observed as the Platinum Jubilee and Staff Day and 2nd October as Parent Teacher Association Day. A National Seminar on Kamala Das was held on 25th August and 26th October. The seminar was inaugurated by Dr. K. Ayyappa Panicker. Kamala Das was honoured as the Chief Guest. Jayanta Mahapatra, the celebrated Indian English writer was the Guest of Honour.

The yearlong Jubilee Celebrations were inaugurated by Sri P.J. Joseph, the Hon'ble Education Minister of Kerala and alumnus of the College. Mar Joseph Powathil, the Patron of the College presided over the function. Dr. V.N. Rajasekharan Pillai, Vice Chancellor of M.G. University addressed the gathering. A National Conference on Education held on 4th January 1997 was another important event. Sri M.M Jacob, Governor of Meghalaya was the Chief Guest. From 21st to 30th January a grand Arts Festival was held. The Art Festival was inaugurated by film artiste M.G. Soman. The function was attended by film director Siby Malayil (former student). The programmes included a Starnight and Mimics Parade by Cine Artists of Malayalam Cinema (21 January) *Ammunikutticku Swayamvaram*, a Malayalam Drama by Jubilee Theatres directed by Rajan P. Dev (22 January), Magic Show by Prof. Muthukad (23 January), Dance by Vindhija Menon & Party (24 January), Intercollegiate Dance Competition (25 January), Ganamela by Biju Narayanan, Renuka and Party (27 January), Malayalam Drama *Meghadeepam* by Tharangam Theatres, Changanacherry (28 January) and Shakespeare's *Antony and Cleopatra* directed by Dr. C.C. Thomas (29 and 30 January).

The Valedictory celebrations of the Platinum Jubilee were held in 1997. The Valedictory address was delivered by Sri K.R. Narayanan, the Hon'ble Vice President of India. He lauded the Roman Catholic Church for the services rendered by it in the field of higher education. He paid tributes to the College for its glorious tradition, the exemplary discipline on the campus and the high academic standards it had maintained over the years.

Rev. Dr. Joseph Vattakkalam retired from service on 31st March 1998. He has always been a simple soul. The College celebrated the Platinum Jubilee during his tenure. In connection with the Jubilee he initiated a massive fund collection from home and abroad for the development of the College. He maintained cordial relations with the staff and students.

Rev. Dr. Philips Wadakkalam appointed Principal

Now it was the turn of Rev. Dr. Philips Wadakkalam to be in the Principal's chair. He assumed charge on 1st April 1998. Rev. Fr. Thomas Kodinattukunnel and Rev. Fr. Tom Kunnumpuram were appointed Vice Principals. St. Berchmans' was adjudged the best among all the special Grade Government and Private Colleges in the District of Kottayam.

St. Berchmans' Award for the Best Teacher in the affiliated colleges of Kerala was instituted by the Kuwait Chapter of St. Berchmans Alumni Association. Dr. Cyric Thomas of St. Thomas College Pala was the first awardee. The year also saw the commencement of Off Campus Courses. Bachelor of Computer Application was the first to be introduced. A well-equipped computer laboratory was set up.

The College was threatened by an agitation launched by a section of the students demanding reinstatement of two students who had been dismissed from the College for serious breach of discipline. The agitation continued for 120 days. The staff, students and the general public stood together in support of the College. Meanwhile classes were held without disruption.

The striking students ultimately came around and virtually bowed to the terms and conditions laid down by the Management. It was a moral victory for the College and the Management.

In 1999 having procured a high court order St. Berchmans' College introduced the Parliamentary System of elections to the College Union. Many colleges were to follow suit later. It is worth noting here that the High Court has come out in favour of the system, having realized that campus politics had destroyed the peace and harmony that characterized life on the campus.

The second St. Berchmans' Award for the Best Teacher was presented to Prof. V.J. Antony (Cochin College) by his Highness, Uthradam Thirunal Marthanda Varma.

The Peer Team from the National Assessment and Accreditation Council, an autonomous body of the UGC visited the College. After studying the self-study report submitted by the College they visited the various departments, office, library etc and made a thorough assessment of the working of the College. On the basis of their report a five star status was conferred on the College. In 1999 affiliation was granted for M.Sc in Polymer Chemistry.

In 2000 Prof. Joseph Tito was appointed Vice Principal. The College received the G.N.N Award for Excellence in Education for the year 1999-2000.

In 2001 affiliation was granted for BA in Vocational English and B.Sc in Biotechnology. In the Off Campus Centre, Master in Computer Application, M.Sc in Information Technology and MA in Multimedia were started. Rev. Fr. Gigy Mullankuzhy took over as Bursar from Rev. Fr. Jose Viruppel.

Rev. Dr. Antony Kurialacherry, former Principal passed away on 26 August 2001.

In 2002 U.G.C. sanctioned financial assistance to set up a National Environmental Studies Centre in the Department of Chemistry and also to start the M.Phil Course in Environmental Studies. The Department of Science and Technology, Government of India and the DADD foundation of Germany in a joint venture recognized the Department of Chemistry as a Centre of Excellence. By virtue of this recognition the Chemistry Department of the College and the Martin Luther University of Germany are qualified to exchange their research scholars to pursue research activities with the help of national scholarships.

Rev. Dr. W.T. Philips retired from service on 31st March 2002. He was a strict disciplinarian. He introduced the parliamentary system of election to the College Union as he saw that campus politics was destroying the peace on the campus. He is the recipient of the best College Principal Award instituted by Dr. M.V. Pylee Foundation. He also excelled as an International Basketball Referee.

Rev. Fr. Tom Kunnumpuram takes over as Principal

It was now the turn of Rev. Fr. Tom Kunnumpuram to don the mantle of the Principal. He took charge on first April 2002. Prof. Stephen Mathews was appointed Vice Principal. Bachelor of Business Administration (Off Campus) was started. In the regular stream affiliation was granted for B.Sc in Industrial Microbiology, M.Phil in Environmental Studies and B.L.I.Sc (Bachelor of Library and Information Science).

In 2003 the College started its own (not affiliated to the University) Human Resource Development Department aimed at the overall development of the students. This is a one year programme so designed as to enable the students to have a cutting edge in life, by helping them in their personality development and in instilling in them leadership and communication skills.

In 2004 affiliation was granted for M L I Sc (Master of Library and Information Science). and M.Sc in Biochemistry (Self financing). As per the letter from the U.G.C. dated 10th September 2004 the College was identified as one with a Potential for Excellence.

An International Conference on *Science and Technology for Sustainable Development* was conducted in the College from 10 to 13 August 2005. It was an attempt to bring scientists, technocrats and academicians on a common platform to think aloud on the issues related to the sustainable development of our earth system. The meeting was inaugurated by His Excellency, The Governor of Kerala Sri R.L. Bhatya and presided over by Archbishop Mar Joseph Powathil, the Patron. Dr. Jancy James, Vice Chancellor M.G. University, Prof. Rasha Al Sabah under Secretary, Minister of Higher Education, Kuwait and Prof. Pierre Becker, Secretary, Science Group, IFFCU Paris were speakers on the occasion.

His Excellency A P J Abdul Kalam, the Hon'ble President of India visited the College on 25th July 2005. He interacted with the students and answered all their queries. He exhorted them to work hard for the progress of the nation. Rev. Fr. Regi Kurian took charge as Bursar

The Peer Team from the NAAC visited the College on 28, 29, 30 & 31 March 2006 for reassessment and reaccreditation. The Team visited all the Departments and interacted with the staff and students. As per the certificate dated 21st May 2006 issued by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council the College was reaccredited at A+ level.

Rev. Fr. Tom Kunnumpuram retired from service on 31st March 2007. With his amiable nature and gentle behaviour he became the toast of the college community. The HRD Department of the College is his brainchild. During his tenure as principal the UGC identified the College as one with a Potential for Excellence, and the NAAC reaccredited the College at A+ level.

Dr. Stephen Mathews who had served the College as Vice Principal for 5 years succeeded Rev. Fr. Tom Kunnumpuram as Principal with effect from 1st April 2007. Rev. Fr. Tomy Padinjareveetil was appointed Vice Principal.

SUCCESSION LIST

Patrons

1.	Rev. Dr. Thomas Kurialacherry	1922 – 1925
2.	Rev. Dr. James Kalacherry	1928 – 1949
3.	Most Rev. Dr. Mathew Kavukatt	1950 – 1969
4.	Most Rev. Dr. Antony Padiyara	1970 – 1985

5.	Most Rev. Dr. Joseph Powathil	1985 – 2007
6.	Most Rev. Dr. Joseph Perumthottam	2007 –
Presidents of the Manging Board		
1.	Rt. Rev. Msgr. Jacob Kallarackal	1927 – 1937
2.	Very Rev. Fr. Joseph Vechianickal	1937 – 1940
3.	Very Rev. Fr. Kuruvilla Plathottam	1940 – 1946
4.	Rt. Rev. Msgr Jacob Kattakayam	1946 – 1951
5.	Rt. Rev. Msgr. Thomas Puthenpurayil	1951 – 1959
6.	Rt. Rev. Msgr. L.J. Chittoor	1959 – 1972
7.	Rt. Rev. Dr. Joseph Powathil	1972 – 1977
8.	Rt. Rev. Msgr Kuriakose Parampath	1977 – 1981
9.	Rt. Rev. Msgr Joseph Karimpalil	1981 – 1986
10.	Very Rev. Msgr Mathew Pulickaparampil	1986 – 1994
11.	Rev. Fr. Jos P. Kottaram	1994 –
Principals		
1.	Rev. Fr. Mathew Purackal M A	1922 – 1935
2.	Rev. Fr. A.C. Eapen BA, Ph.D	1935 – 1936
3.	Rev. Fr. Romeo Thomas T O C D, M A L T	1936 – 1944
4.	Rev. Fr Thomas William T O C D, M A L T	1944 – 1953
5.	Rev. Fr. P C Mathew M A	1953 – 1961
6.	Very Rev. Msgr Francis Kalacherry BSc (Hons)	1961 – 1970
7.	Rev. Dr Antony Kurialacherry M A, D.Ed	1970 – 1977
8.	Rev. Fr. Mathew Pulickaparampil M A	1977 – 1985
9.	Rev. Dr. Joseph Maroor MSc, D.Sc	1985 – 1991
10.	Rev. Dr. George Madathiparampil M.A, Ph.D	1991 – 1996
11.	Rev. Dr. Joseph Vattakkalam M A, Ph.D	1996 – 1998
12.	Rev. Dr. W.T. Philips Wadakkekalam, M A, Ph.D, D.Litt	1998 – 2002

13.	Rev. Fr. Tom Kunnumpuram, M A M.Phil	2002 – 2007
14.	Dr. Stephen Mathew, M.Com, M.Phil, Ph.D	2007 –

CHAPTER V

INFRASTRUCTURE

College Commences Functioning in the Parel Building

In January 1922 Bishop Mar Thomas Kurialacherry received a letter from the Registrar of the university of Madras informing him that affiliation was being granted to St. Berchmans' High School to start a college with effect from 1922-23. It was decided that the College would be housed in the new two storeyed building under construction near the Parel Chapel, meant for the Minor Seminary. Construction was finished in a hurry to house the College. As a tentative arrangement the Seminary was shifted to the third floor of the Bishop's Palace. The College began functioning on 19th June 1922 after Mar Thomas Kurialacherry celebrated Holy Mass in the Parel Chapel. As the number of students increased every year the College had to be shifted to a new building. The property at Vedikunnu, the present site (as the name suggests it was a hill covered with bush inhabited by animals like mongoose, rabbit etc. which were hunted by people) was bought by Rev. Charles Lavigne S.J from the Valiyaparampil family (the College as we know was his brainchild). It was the first building on the campus. It was built by Rev. Fr. Koshy Mampalam, Headmaster of St. Berchmans' High School, especially for shifting the High School, which was held in the three storeyed building made for Fransiscan Clarist Sisters (main building of S B High School). But in 1925 when two storeys were completed, Rev. Fr. Mathew Purackal, the Principal suggested that the College could be shifted to the new building. Rev. Fr. Koshy Mampalam who did not agree to the proposal at first, later obliged, keeping in view the larger interests of the community.

Arts Block (Mar Kurialacherry Block)

Thus in 1925 when the three storeyed edifice on the northern side of the present site (present Kurialacherry Block) was completed it was handed over to the College by the Bishop, the Patron of the School and the College. Affiliation for Science Groups was granted and the College was shifted to the New Building. Chemistry and Physics laboratories were set up in the new building, the former in the western wing on the ground floor and the latter on the first floor. The library was housed in the 20 square feet room in the middle portion (eastern end).

Science Block

In 1927 the College became First Grade with affiliation being granted for BA Degree Course in Botany and Zoology. This necessitated a new three storeyed building as well as costly laboratory equipment. The Principal had got up a plan and estimate for the same and got permission from the government to start the construction of the building. The plan outlay was Rs. 3.5 lakhs. The work began in 1926-27 under the supervision of Mr. O.P. Joseph, the clerk. The Government had sanctioned grants in advance on the assurance that the building would be complete by June 1927. The University had given permission to commence classes that year. But the grant from the Government and the fees collected from the students was inadequate to meet the mounting expenses. The Principal borrowed money from various sources, appointed a Bursar to handle the accounts and the Bishop started a Chit Fund under his supervision. Despite all the roadblocks construction continued under the able supervision of Rev. Fr. Koshy Mampalam, the Bursar. In 1934 when the ground floor was completed Chemistry and Physics

sections housed in the ground and first floors of the Arts Building were shifted to the spacious north and south wings of the new structure. The Library was shifted to the western wing of the Arts Block where the Chemistry laboratory was working. The construction of the remaining portion of the Science Block was taken up in 1936 and completed under the able supervision of Rev. Fr. Joseph Hadryan, the Bursar. The Botany and Zoology Departments were shifted to the northern wing and southern wing of the first floor. As the building had been envisaged as a three storeyed one, when the first floor was completed the roof was fitted with nuts and bolts and wooden tresses, so that it could be dismantled for further upward construction. In the same year affiliation was granted for B A in Economics. Owing to space crunch and the lack of money required to build the second floor, in 1945 when affiliation was granted for B.Sc Physics, the eastern verandah of the southern half of the ground floor was closed. In 1951 when affiliation for B.Sc Chemistry was granted, the eastern verandah of the northern half of the Science Block was closed and eastern side of the ground floor was extended to house the Intermediate laboratory and the Chemistry Balance Room. In 1961 when MSc in Physics and Botany were started the first floor above the Chemistry Intermediate Laboratory was extended to house the Botany Laboratory. Symmetrical to the Chemistry Balance Room a room was added to the south eastern side of the building to be used as Physics Lecture Hall.

Biology Block

Space crunch necessitated the construction of the present Biology Block which began in 1964 during the tenure of Rev. Fr. Francis Kalacherry as Principal. A plan and an estimate of Rs. 7 lakhs were submitted to the U.G.C. through the University along with the application for the grant from the U.G.C. Even before the formal sanctioning of the grant which was taken for granted, construction was begun. Even though the U.G.C. did not release the amount, the first and second floors of the building were completed in 1965. The departments of Botany, Zoology, Mathematics and Commerce were shifted to the new building. The College Office, the Principal's Chamber, a well furnished Seminar Hall (present Msgr Kalacherry Hall) were also housed here. In June 1967 the third floor of the Biology Block was completed and the Botany Department was shifted to the same. Formal inauguration of the new building took place on 18th January 1968. Cardinal Maxmilian Fourstenburg, Prefect of the Oriental Churches inaugurated and opened the Block in the gracious presence of Pro-nuncio Mar Joseph Caprion and the Patron Mar Mathew Kavukatt. Later by the efforts of Dr. Antony Kurialacherry and the then M.P, Prof. M.M. Joseph (Department of Malayalam) the U.G.C Commission visited the College and released the grant .

Msgr. Kallarackal hall & Christ King Chapel

That the College was badly in need of a chapel and an assembly hall was felt by all. In order to remedy this, the existing gymnasium and indoor stadium was modified into an assembly hall and chapel. The old gymnasium hall was extended by adding two parallel wings on both sides and by increasing the length considerably. It was provided with a raised platform on the eastern end. The extended assembly hall and the two storeyed building constructed to house the College Chapel was made into one block. The first floor was intended for the Chapel. The ground floor consisted of five rooms. Two end rooms could be used as class rooms. The middle rooms were to be used as store rooms. (in one of which the Co-operative Society is working now) The chapel has got a verandah and a corridor connecting it with the Arts Building (Mar Kurialacherry Block) Msgr Jacob Kallarackal made a princely donation of Rs 9000/- towards this venture. As a token of gratitude to him for this magnanimous gesture the hall was named

Msgr Kallarackal Hall. The chapel was named *Christ King Chapel.* The total cost of construction of the chapel building and the extension of the assembly hall was Rs 12425/-

Sports Pavilion

In 1957 an Open Air Theatre under Campus Work Project with upstairs rooms (to be used as Guest House) was built at a cost of Rs 26600/-. The College was able to obtain a grant of Rs 7000/- from the Ministry of Education, Government of India for the construction. The Pavilion faces the football court.

Non-resident Students' Centre and Hobby Workshop

In 1962 a hobby workshop and Students' centre with U.G.C. help was erected on the western side of the MC Road opposite the College. A well-equipped workshop catering to the needs of the College and the various departments was set up on the ground floor. The first floor housed a convenient Students' Centre with a cafeteria and a dining hall where day scholars could take the meals and rest during the noon recess.

N.C.C. Shooting Range

In 1963 an N.C.C. Shooting Range with U.G.C assistance was built on the north eastern side of the Football Ground.

Archbishop Kavukatt Hall

It was the earnest wish of the Catholic Community of Changanacherry and the staff of St. Berchmans' College to have a fitting memorial for Archbishop Mar Mathew Kavukatt, the Patron of the College who passed away in 1969. The members expressed their desire in the Staff Association meeting and volunteered to contribute their share towards the venture. Donations were accepted from the general public also. Mar Antony Padiyara, the new Patron donated the car used by Mar Mathew Kavukatt to add to the fund. Foundation for Archbishop Mar Mathew Kavukatt Hall was laid by His Grace Mar Antony Padiyara on 15th August 1971. The students and staff of both St. Berchmans' and Assumption Colleges generously contributed towards the construction of this spacious building.

The grand structure was completed in 1973 under the able leadership of Rev. Dr. Antony Kurialacherry, the Principal. The auditorium was blessed and inaugurated by Mar Antony Padiyara, the Patron on 1st January 1974. Mar Sebastian Vayalil, Bishop of Pala unveiled the portrait of Mar Mathew Kavukatt. The massive auditorium with a seating capacity of 3200 is considered to be the largest in the whole of Kerala. It was built at a cost of 12.5 lakhs.

Research Block

In 1986 with the College gaining recognition as a Research Centre, English, Botany, Physics and Zoology became Research Departments, (Other Departments followed suit soon) There was a dire need for a building with all facilities for conducting research. A three storeyed building with U.G.C assistance was conceived of. Giani Zail Sing, the then President of India who inaugurated the Diamond Jubilee celebrations of the College becoming First Grade laid the foundation for the Research Block on 31st August 1986. The building was completed in 1991. On 27-3-1991 it was blessed and inaugurated by Mar Joseph Powathil, the Patron. The ground

floor consists of a Seminar Hall and the General Staff Room. As a token of the love and gratitude the College community cherished for their Patron the Seminar Hall was named Archbishop Powathil Hall. The second and third storeys are meant exclusively for research activities. The total cost of construction was Rs. 29,66,872/-.

Ulahannan Mappillai Centre for Oriental Studies

The Ulahannan Mappillai Centre for Oriental Studies, funded by the children of the reputed scholar who served the College with distinction for a long span of 40 years, was built in 1997. The Centre is situated in the North Eastern corner of the hockey ground, on the eastern side of the Research Block. It is meant for encouraging research in Oriental Studies and to provide facilities for the same. The building accommodates (a) a Library (b) a Conference Hall (c) an Office Room for the Trust which is in charge of the Centre (d) an office Room for PG Malayalam Students' Alumni Association and (e) two rooms for accommodating guests.

Library

The College Library was started in the year 1923 with Mr Chandran Pillai as the first library assistant. In 1925 when the College was shifted to the present site the library was housed in a 20 square feet room on the ground floor in the middle eastern part of the Arts Building. It was too tiny a room for a library. Hence it was shifted to the 60 feet long room in the westernmost part of the ground floor till then used as Chemistry Laboratory (present English Department). There were several volumes on Shakespeare, Physics, Chemistry, Botany and Zoology which for lack of space in the General Library were kept in the respective departments. Teachers alone were allowed to enter the library. It would now seem strange that what stared the students in the face was the inscription "Students not allowed to enter" The books were handed over to the students through the window. First there was only one library warden and one library assistant.. Prof. Sankaran Nambiar was the first library warden. R.P. Kulandai Swamy Pillai and Rev. Fr. Abraham Vadakkal succeed him. In 1931 Madras University for the first time decided to conduct an examination for librarians. Sri P.V. Ulahannan was sent to appear for the examination. He passed the examination with distinction and was appointed Library Warden in place of Rev. Abraham Vadakkal. A fullfledged library with an open access system and a reference section was introduced later.

In 1933 Mr. E.M. Joseph (Dipoma in Library Science) the first qualified Librarian took charge. In 1934 the Library was shifted to one of the middle rooms on the first floor in the Science Block. In addition to one Library Warden one Library assistant two attenders also were appointed. In 1967 the library was shifted to the north western room of the Biology Block (present Antony Cardinal Padiyara Hall). In April 1969 Rev. Fr. Thomas Mattappally (Library Science) took charge as the Librarian. In the 1970's with the advent of a number of P G courses the burgeoning library had to be shifted to a more spacious building. During the tenure of Rev. Fr. Thomas Mattappally as Librarian the College drew up a plan for a five storeyed building with U.G.C. assistance on the eastern side of the Hockey Court to house the Library. The foundation was laid on 28th May 1972 by the Patron, Mar Joseph Powathil. The building was completed within one year. It was blessed by Rev. Fr. A.C. Eapen on 19th march 1973 and formally opened. It consists of a Reading Room, General Stack, P.G. Reference Section and Departmental Stack. The total cost of construction was Rs. 4.5 lakhs.

Rev. Fr. Jose Viruppel succeeded Rev. Fr. Thomas Mattappally as Chief Librarian when the former retired in 1997. At present the library has got a collection of 1,16,586 books and

bound volumes and a good collection of CD's. Besides it subscribes to 280 journals, magazines and periodicals and 16 newspapers. In 1998 the Library joined the family of the World Wide web with the installation of the Internet.

A new building was erected as an extension to the existing one in 2005. It houses a digital Library having 24 terminals with online facility. This was blessed by the Patron Mar Joseph Powathil in 2005. In 2007 the Library got the permission to access INFLIBNET journals online. Besides the Chief librarian and an Assistant Librarian there are eleven Library Assistants and one Computer Assistant employed in the Library.

Librarian's

1. E.M. Joseph, 1938 – 1968
2. Rev. Fr. Thomas Mattappally, 1967 – 1997
3. Rev. Fr. Joseph Jose Viruppel, 1997 –

Asst. Librarian's

1. Job D. Parackal, 1974 –1988
2. Martin Thomas, 1988 -

Management Block

The sanctioning of the M.B.A Course affiliated to M G University was a landmark in the history of the College. Berchmans' Institute of Management, a distinctive semi-autonomous establishment for furthering Management Studies was conceived of. This required a huge investment and a separate building with the necessary facilities for Management training. Under the initiative of Rev. Fr. George Madathiparampil a plan was drawn up in 1994. Foundation was laid on 30th July 1994 by His Grace Mar Joseph Powathil. The three storeyed building was completed in two years. The Berchmans' Institute of Management was blessed by the Patron Mar Joseph Powathil and inaugurated by Sri P.J Joseph, the Hon'ble Education Minister of Kerala at a glittering ceremony on 26th January 1996. The building consists of the MBA Department, the Career Orientation Centre and the Computer Laboratory. The total cost of construction was Rs 28 lakhs out of which Rs. 8 lakhs and two thousands were received as grant from the U.G.C.

CHAPTER VI

DEPARTMENTS

THE DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

The English Department of St. Berchman's College is heir to a great tradition of professional competence, untiring pursuit of excellence and promotion of semi-academic cultural interests. When the College was started in 1922 with the commencement of the Intermediate Course the English section began functioning with only one member: Mr. T.K. Sankara Menon MA (Hons). By engaging the very first class on 19th June 1922 he became the very first teacher of the College. He served the College from 1922 to 1925.

Mr. R.P. Kulandai Swamy Pillai B.A, L.T, L.C.P who had distinguished himself as Headmaster of St. Joseph's School, Trivandrum and earned the title 'Dr. Arnold of Trivandrum' joined the Department in 1924. A pioneer in the field of Christian journalism he started the first school magazine in India. Prof. Kulandai Swamy Pillai started the college magazine *Excelsior* and designed the college crest. He was also Acting Vice Principal for some time.

The department proper was formed in 1927 with the commencement of the degree classes. Prof. P. Sankaran Nambiyar, M A (Hons) on deputation from Maharajah's College, Ernakulam joined the Department. Professor Nambiyar's appointment added lustre to the Department and enhanced the reputation of the College. He also served as Vice Principal and Library warden. He left the College in 1930-31 when his term of deputation was over. In 1933 Mr. S.G. Subramanya Iyer M.A. was appointed professor and Head of the Dept. He left in 1935. With this the first period in the history of the Department came to an end.

The second period was that of great stalwarts like M.P. Paul, V.V. John, C.S. Kurian, Rev. Fr. Joseph Kureethadam, (who later became the Bursar of the College and Principal of Fatima Matha College, Quilon and St. Thomas College Pala), A.P. O'brien, P.G. Sahasranama Iyer and C.A. Sheppard. In July 1935 the renowned Malayalam critic and English scholar Prof. M.P. Paul was newly appointed in the Department as Additional Lecturer. He is considered one of the greatest teachers who have ever served St. Berchmans. In October 1936 he became Head of the Department when Prof. Subramanya Iyer left the College. It was Prof. M.P. Paul who founded the Shakespeare Theatre which is the only one of its kind in Kerala. The Theatre was inaugurated in 1937 with the staging of *Macbeth* under the direction of Prof. M.P. Paul. In June 1937 when Prof. Kulandai Swamy Pillai retired from service Mr. V.V. John was appointed Additional Lecturer. He later earned a name as an eminent educationist and became the Vice Chancellor of Jodhpur University. In 1939 he resigned his post to join St. Joseph's College Tiruchirappally. In June 1938 Prof. M.P. Paul resigned his post and Mr. P.S. Venkateswara Iyer was appointed Chief Lecturer in English. In January 1941 Mr. A.P. O'brien M.A, B.L. was appointed Additional Professor when Mr. P.S. Venkateswaran returned to St. Thomas College, Trichur. O'brien became Head of the Department.

In 1943 Mr. C.A. Sheppard joined the Department as Additional Lecturer in 1944 when Prof. O'brien left the College Prof. P.G. Sahasranama Iyer was appointed in his place. Prof. Sahasranama Iyer with his vast experience and scholarship was indeed an asset to the College. In

1947 when Prof. Iyer left the college, at the request of the Management, Prof. M.P Paul once again joined the Department. In 1947 he produced and directed *Macbeth* for a second time. In June 1949 when Prof. Paul left, Mr. C.A. Sheppard became Professor and Head of the Department of English at the age of 28. For the next 13 years Professor Sheppard guided the Department and built up some of its noblest traditions. He was a great English scholar and grammarian, a teacher par excellence, a gifted actor and director of Shakespeare plays. The Shakespeare Theatre founded by M.P Paul was sustained by his consistent hard work. Above all he was a source of great inspiration to teachers and students. Prof. M.P. Paul and Prof. C.A. Sheppard were doyens who furthered the name and fame of the Department.

Among the teachers who joined the Department during his tenure were Prof. Joseph Panaveli, Rev. Fr. Kuriakise Aenekkatt (who later became Principal of St. Dominic's College, Kanjirappally) Prof. K.T. Sebastian, Prof. A.E. Augustine, Prof. K.M. Mathai, Prof. Joseph Thomas, Prof. P.C. Mathew and Prof. T.P. Madhavan Pillai. With Prof. C.S. Kurian (who joined the department in 1929), Prof. K.J. Francis (1946) and Prof. K.M. Joseph (1943 - an authority on English grammar). They formed a band of dedicated teachers inspired by Prof. Sheppard's dynamism and singleminded devotion. Prof. Sheppard resigned his post in 1962 and left for St. Joseph's College, Devagiri, after serving St. Berchmans' for two decades.

The next period (1962-76) was one of rapid growth and diversification. Mr. C.S. Kurian was promoted Professor and head in 1962. In 1964 BA English Language and Literature was started. In 1967 Prof. C.S Kurian retired. He has the distinction of being the longest serving member of the Department. Prof. V.J. Augustine (who after his retirement embraced priesthood and joined the Rosarian Ashram) took over as Professor and Head of the Department. Professor Augustine's stewardship marked the beginning of a glorious period in the history of English Department. In 1967 affiliation was granted for M A in English Language and Literature. In his new task of organizing the Postgraduate Department Prof. V.J. Augustine was helped by Prof. P.J. Devasia who in 1967 left CMS College Kottayam and joined St. Berchmans'. On the academic front the Department has had a glorious trail. Ever since the inception of M.G. University the Department has produced excellent results in the P G examinations. There have been 13 First places, 9 Second places and 5 Third places so far. This is a unique distinction for which the Department has won allround praise. Prof. V.J. Augustine retired in 1976 after serving the College for 14 years.

In 1976 Prof. K.J. Francis became Head of the Department. After him Prof. Joseph Thomas (an endearing character) Prof. K.T. Sebastian (the only member of the Pontifical Council for Laity from India and one among three from Asia – nominated by the Pope) and Prof. T.P. Madhavan Pillai (who made teaching a sacred mission) presided over the Department in turn. Prof. A.E. Augustine retired in 1983 after serving the College for 33 years. He distinguished himself as very great teacher, an eloquent speaker and Director of Shakespeare plays. Taking the cue from Prof. C.A. Sheppard, his mentor he authored a series of Study Aids as well as useful books on English Grammar. When Prof. T.P. Madhavan Pillai retired in 1985 the professorial chair went to Mr. P.J. Devasia.

The selection of the Department as a Research Centre in 1986 was a fitting recognition of its worth and potentialities. Dr. Narayana Chandran (who later moved on to English Institute, Hyderabad), Rev. Fr. George Madathiparampil, Rev. Fr. Joseph Vattakkalam, Rev. Fr. W.T. Philips (who all later became Principals), Rev. Fr. K.V. Mathew (who later became Vice Principal) and Mr. C.C. Thomas crowned themselves with doctoral degrees.

In 1991 Prof. P.J. Devasia retired and Prof. K.V. Joseph became the Head of the Department. 1992 the Department completed 25 years of postgraduate programme. To mark the occasion a variety of programmes were organized. The Jubilee celebrations were inaugurated by Dr. Sivaramakaranth, the Jnanapith Award winning writer on 22nd November 1992. As part of the celebrations *Othello* was put on stage. Prof. K.V. Joseph directed the play. On 26th and 27th November the Department conducted a Shakespeare Symposium. There were talks by Prof. G. Kumara Pillai and by Prof. A.E Augustine

In 1993 Prof. K.V. Joseph retired. He was the editor of S.B. Academic Review, the Inter Disciplinary Journal of the St. Berchmans' College for 6 years. Prof. P.C. James took over as Head of the Department.

In 1996 with the advent of the UGC sponsored courses the College was chosen to conduct BA in Communicative English. It was a novel programme of the UGC. The students were given special training in communication skills, media education, creative writing, English language and Literature and French Language and Literature. The sponsorship was for five academic years. In order to improve the listening and speaking skills of the students, a well-equipped language Laboratory was set up in 1995. It was renovated and made more techno-friendly in 2001. A Media Library was established to enable the students to listen to the poems and watch the film versions of the books they have to study.

In January 1998 Dr. James A. Brigam, Canadian scholar on Lawrence Durrell visited the College and spent two months in the College, under the programme – Scholar in Residence. He engaged classes for Postgraduate Students. He also delivered Prof. C.A. Shepherd Memorial Lecture for the year.

In 1999 Prof. PC James retired and Prof. A.J. Francis took charge as head of the Department. As the period of sponsorship was over B.A in Communicative English was terminated in 2001. In 2002 the College was granted affiliation for BA in Vocational English. After Prof. A.J. Francis retired in 2002, Dr. C.C. Thomas and Prof. V.C. Georgekutty presided over the Department successively.

Seminars and Conferences

In December 1978 the Department organized a Seminar cum workshop in English Studies with assistance from the U.G.C. Experts from the British Council and the Institutes of English Hyderabad and Trivandrum participated as resource personnel. Dr. N.S. Prabhu (B. Council) Profs, K.C. Nambiar and K Subramanian (Hyderabad) and Dr. K. Ayyappa Panickar and Dr. E. Valentine (Trivandrum) were among them.

From March 11 through April 12, 1991 a Refresher Course for Teachers in English Language and Literature, sponsored by MG University was conducted under the aegis of the English Department. Dr. Narendra Prasad, Director, School of Letters was the co-ordinator. The resource persons included Prof. A.E. Augustine, Dr. C.P. Sivadasan, Dr. Mathew Joseph, Prof. G. Kumarapillai, Prof. A.S.D Pillai, Dr. T.V. Thomas, Dr. N. Krishnaswami, Prof. T.R.S. Iyer, Dr. Elias Valentine and Rev. Dr. George Madathiparampil.

A National Seminar on Kamala Das was conducted on 25th and 26th October 1996. The Seminar was inaugurated by Dr. K. Ayyappa Panickar. Kamala Das was the Guest of Honour on the occasion. A collection of her poems *Only the Soul Knows How to Sing* was released by Shri.

Jayanta Mahapatra, the Indo-Anglian writer. Dr. Scaria Zachariah, Dr. K. Chellappan, Dr. Radha and Dr. Jancy James presented papers.

The Department conducted an International Lawrence Durrell Conference from 2nd January to 4th January 1998. Dr. C.R. Nambiyar, a Durrell scholar and the Director of Centre for Durrell studies, St. Berchmans' College took the lead in conducting the Seminar. The Conference was inaugurated by Dr. K. Ayyappa Panicker, the eminent poet and academician on 2nd January 1998. The panel of speakers included Dr. Ian S. Macnive (State University of Maritime College, New York, Dr. James R. Nicholas (Georgian Southern University, USA., Dr. Rajakrishnan (University of Kerala) and Dr. Frank Kersnowski (St. Mary's University Texas. The theme was *Durrell and India*.

Study Centres

In 1995 the Centre for Lawrence Durrell Studies and the Centre for Kamala Das Studies were inaugurated. Durrell Centre was inaugurated by Dr. K. Ayappa Panickar. Smt. Kamaladas was as Special Guest on the occasion. The Kamala Das centre was inaugurated by Dr. Paul Love of the American College, Madurai and the Director of SCILET (Study Centre for Indian Literature in English & Translation).

Alumni Association

In 1993 the Departmental Alumni Association was formed with the objective of renewing contacts and strengthening friendship among the alumni. The Association meets annually. The Association has such distinguished members as Dr. C.V. Anand Bose I A S and Dr. Jancy James, The Vice Chancellor of Mahatma Gandhi University.

Memorial Lecture

To preserve the memory of Prof. C.A. Sheppard, the doyen among all teachers in 1988 the Department commenced Prof. C.A. Sheppard Memorial Lectures which is held annually. The first lecture was delivered by Prof. U.R. Ananthamurthy, the Great Kannada writer and the former Vice Chancellor of M.G. University. Other distinguished speakers include Prof. G. Kumara Pillai, Prof. Vishnu Narayanan Namputhiri and Prof. K. Ayyappa Panicker.

Shakespeare Theatre

The Shakespeare Theatre functioning under the aegis of the Department was founded in 1937 by Prof. M.P Paul. It is the only one of its kind in Kerala. It has brought out 18 productions. The evergreen hero and noted actor of Malayalam films, Padmasree Shri. Prem Nazir, made his acting debut through this Theatre. The Theatre was sustained by the consistent hard work of Prof. C.A. Sheppard. Later Prof. A.E Augustine, Prof. K.V. Joseph and Dr. C.C. Thomas upheld the tradition and directed a number of plays.

S B SHAKESPEARE THEATRE : A LOOK BACK

YEAR	PLAY	DIRECTOR	MAIN ACTORS
1937	Macbeth	Prof. M P Paul	Prof L M Pylee as Macbeth
1947	Macbeth	Prof M P Paul	Prof D Varghese as Macbeth Prof S L Thomas as Lady Macbeth
1951	The Merchant of Venice	Prof C A Sheppard	Prem Nazir as Shylock
1952	The Merchant of Venice	Prof K J Francis	Prof George Koshy as Shylock
1952	King Lear	Prof C A Sheppard	Prof Sheppard as King Lear
1953	Hamlet	Prof C A Sheppard	Prof S L Thomas as Hamlet Prof Sheppard as Claudius Prof C Z Scaria as Laertes
1961	King Lear	Prof C A Sheppard	Prof Sheppard as King Lear
1964	Othello	Prof A E Augustine	Prof S L Thomas as Othello Prof K K Francis as Iago
1965	Othello	Prof A E Augustine	Prof S L Thomas as Othello Prof K K Francis as Iago
1969	Macbeth	Prof A E Augustine & Prof K J John	Mr George Mathew as Macbeth Prof K K Francis as Lady Macbeth
1971	Macbeth	Prof A E Augustine & Prof K J John	Mr George Mathew as Macbeth Prof K K Francis as Lady Macbeth
1983	The Merchant of Venice	Prof A E Augustine	Prof K K Francis as Shylock Mr Ajith N Babu as Portia
1986	Macbeth	Prof K V Joseph and Prof C C Thomas	Prof P L Lucas as Macbeth Prof A J Thomas as Lady Macbeth
1989	Julius Caesar	Prof K V Joseph	Prof A J Thomas as Caesar Prof P L Lucas as Brutus Prof Thomas Jose as Antony
1991	Othello	Prof K V Joseph	Prof A J Thomas as Othello Mr John Korah as Iago
1994	Romeo and Juliet	Prof C C Thomas	Prof Josy Joseph as Romeo Mr Satheesh Kumar as Juliet

1997	Antony & Cleopatra	Dr C C Thomas	Prof A J Thomas as Mark Antony Prof. V B Vinod as Cleopatra
1999	Hamlet	Dr CC Thomas	Prof Josy Joseph as Hamlet & Miss Lakshmi Prasad as Gertrude
1971 & 1975	Arts Club Presents 'Sakuntalam'	A E Augustine	Prof K V R Pai as Viswamitra Prof P C Jose as Durvasavu Prof Cherian Philip as Kanvan

LIST OF TEACHERS

Sl. No	Name	Years of Service
1.	T.K. Sankara Menon M.A (Hons)	1922 – 1925
2.	C. Narayana Menon B.A (Hons)	1923 – 1924
3.	T.C. Mathew B A	1923 – 1924
4.	G.F. Pappali M.A Ph.D (London)	1924 – 1925
5.	R.P. Kulandai Swamy Pillai B A L T, L C P	1925 – 1937
6.	P.K. Venkita Rao B.A	1925 – 1928
7.	Paul Subramanyan B.A	1926 – 1927
8.	K.C. Alexander B A.L T	1926 – 1928
9.	K.V. Joseph B.A	1927 – 1929
10.	S. Thirumalachary M.A	1927 – 1928
11.	P. Sankaran Nambiar M A (Hons)	1927 – 1936
12.	M.S. Narayana Iyer M.A	1928 – 1932
13.	P.C. Varkey B.A (Hons)	1929 – 1933
14.	C.S. Kurian B.A (Hons)	1929 – 1967
15.	P.K. Thomas B.A	1930 – 1931
16.	K.V. Thomas B.A	1931 – 1932
17.	N. Krishna Kaimal B.A (Hons)	1931 – 1933
18.	S.G. Subramanya Iyer B.A (Hons)	1933 – 1936
19.	V.S. Mathew B.A	1933 – 1934
20.	C.R. Kerala Varma B.A (Hons)	1934 – 1935
21.	R. Krishnamoorthy B.A (Hons)	1934 – 1935
22.	M.P. Paul M.A	1935 – 1938

		1947 – 1949
23.	V. Vaitheeswaran B.A (Hons)	1936 – 1937
24.	P.T Chacko M.A	1936 – 1943
25.	A. Hari Bhat M.A	1936 – 1938
26.	Kochugovindan B.A (Hons)	1936 – 1937
27.	P.K. Kurien B.A	1936 – 1937
28.	V.V. John B.A (Hons) Madras, B A (Hons) Oxford	1937 – 1939
29.	Joseph Menattur M.A	1937 – 1938 1943 – 1944
30.	M.J. Varghese M.A	1937 – 1943
31.	O.J. Antony B.A (Hons)	1937 – 1938
32.	P.S. Venketeswara Iyer M.A	1938 – 1941
33.	N. Narayanankutty Nair B.A (Hons)	1938 – 1939
34.	Rev. Fr. K.V. Joseph M.A	1939 – 1951
35.	A.P. O'brien M.A B.L	1941 – 1944
36.	K.T. Mathai B.A (Hons)	1942 – 1948
37.	C.A. Sheppard M.A	1943 – 1962
38.	M.J. Kuriakose B.A (Hons)	1943 – 1947
39.	K.M. Joseph B.Sc	1943 – 1979
40.	P.G. Sahasranama Iyer M.A	1944 – 1947
41.	R.V. Ramakanta Sarma B.A (Hons)	1944 – 1945
42.	K. Sessa Iyer B.A	1945 – 1948
43.	P.G. Kesava Panicker B.A	1945 – 1947
44.	K. Joseph Francis M.A	1946 – 1980
45.	C.K. Raveendran Nair B.A (Hons)	1946 – 1948
46.	P.M. George B.Sc	1946 – 1951
47.	K. Ninan B.A (Hons)	1947 – 1948
48.	K. Ramaswamy Iyer B.A	1947 – 1948 06/49 – 08/49
49.	K.S. Elias B.A (Hons)	1948 – 1951
50.	K.E. Eapen B.Sc	1948 (One month)
51.	K.J. Aphraim B.A	1949 – 1950

52.	G. Morais B.Sc	1949 – 1951
53.	A.E. Augusthy M.A	1949 – 1952 1954 – 1983
54.	E.J. Carri M.A	1949 – 1950
55.	K.J. Joseph B.A	1950 – 1951
56.	K.M. Mathai M.A	1950 – 1956
57.	Rev. Sr. Tresa K. Joseph M.A	1950 – 1954
58.	V.J. John, M.A	1950 – 1952
59.	P.C. Mathew MA	1950 – 1960 1961 – 1982
60.	M. Sanjeevi M.A	1950 – 1952
61.	K.T. Sebastian M.A	1951 – 1952 1954 – 1983
62.	P.J. Joseph M.A	1951 – 1969
63.	K.J. Oommen, B.A	1951 – 1952
64.	George Koshy B.A	1951 – 1953
65.	A.V. Varghese M.A, Ph.D	1951 – 1952
66.	Samuel Thomas B.A (Hons)	1952 – 1953
67.	S. Thomas, B.A	1952 – 1953
68.	P.A. Mathews B.Sc	1952 – 1953
69.	E.P. Krishnan Nampoothiri B.A	1952 – 1953
70.	T.P. Madhavan Pillai M.A	1952 – 1954 1956 – 1985
71.	Jacob Elanjickal B.A	1952 – 1953
72.	K. John Zacharia B.A	1952 – 1953
73.	Joseph Thomas M.A	1953 – 1982
74.	Abraham K. Sebastian, M.A	06/53 – 08/53
75.	P.J. Devaisa M.A	1953 – 1956 1967 – 1991
76.	Ninan Koshy B.Sc	1953 – 1955
77.	K.S. James B.A	1953 – 1954
78.	P.K. Balagopala Krishnan Nair B.Sc	1953 – 1958

79.	P.I. Varghese, B.A	1954 – 1955
80.	Rev. Fr. Kuriakose Aenakatt M.A	1954 – 1965 1969 – 1978
81.	C.J. Mathew, B.A	1954 – 1955
82.	S. Krishnan B.A (Hons)	1955 – 1956
83.	Damodar Rao B.A (Hons)	1956 – 1957
84.	N. Sukumaran M.A	1956 – 1958
85.	V.J. Augustine M.A	1962 – 1976
86.	C.C. Scaria M.A	1963 – 1964 1967 – 1968
87.	K.V. Joseph M.A	1964 – 1993
88.	M.E. Chacko M.A, B T	1964 – 1965
89.	T.T. Joseph, B.A	1964 – 1965
90.	George C. Mutholy M.A	1964 – 1965
91.	K.K. Mathew M.A	1965 – 1990
92.	K.D. Antony M.A	1965 – 1966
93.	K.A. George M.A	1965 – 1966 1968 – 1998
94.	Abraham Joseph M.A	1965 – 1966
95.	P.S. Thomas M.A	1965 – 1966
96.	O.V George M.A	1965 – 1966 1968 – 1996
97.	D. Thomas M.A	1965 – 1966
98.	Sunny T.M B.A	1965 – 1966
99.	Jose John B.Sc	1965 – 1966
100.	Prasannan M.A	1965 – 1966
101.	Abraham Mutholy, M.A	06/67 – 07/67
102.	V.S. Joseph M.A	1967 – 1989
103.	K.M. Joseph (jr)	6/67 – 12/67
104.	P.C. James M.A	1967 – 1999
105.	Abraham Kurien, M.A	1967 – 1968
106.	K.J. John M.A	1967 – 1980

107.	P.I. Abraham, B.A	08/67 – 11/67
108.	Amar Mathew, B.A	08/67 – 01/68
109.	M.T. Joseph M.A	1968 – 1995
110.	S. Thomas M.A (Eng.), M.A (Econ)	1968 – 1993
111.	K. Joseph Varghese M.A	1968 – 1993
112.	A.J. Francis M.A	1969 – 2002
113.	Rev. Fr. M.J. George M.A, Ph.D	1970 – 1996
114.	Rev. Fr. M. Joseph M.A, Ph.D	1977 – 1998
115.	Rev. Fr. K.V. Mathew M.A, M.Phil, Ph.D	1978 – 1999
116.	Rev. Fr. W.T. Philip M.A, Ph.D, D.Lit	1978 – 2002
117.	C.C. Thomas M.A, Ph.D	1979 – 2005
118.	Joy Joseph M.A	1979 – 2005
119.	V.C. Georgekutty M.A, L.L.B, B.Ed	1980 –
120.	Sebastian Varghese M.A, M.Ed	1980 – 2004
121.	Siby Cherian M.A	1981 –
122.	Dr. Narayana Chandran M.A, Ph.D	1982 – 1985
123.	A.J. Thomas M.A	1982 –
124.	Gigy Joseph M.A	1983 –
125.	Rev. Fr. Joseph Pothen M.A, B.Ed	1984 – 1995
126.	Thomas Jose M.A	1985 –
127.	Ajithkumar M.A	1986 –
128.	Mathew Jose M.A	1986 –
129.	Ruble Raj M.A, Ph.D, D P R	1988 –
130.	George Thomas M.A, D.J	1989 –
131.	Vinod V.B. M.A, Mphil	1991 – 1999
132.	Sabu Joseph M.A B.Ed, M.Phil	1991 –
133.	Josy Joseph M.A	1993 –
134.	Benny Mathew M.A, B.Ed	1993 –
135.	P.J. Thomas M.A	1994 –
136.	Raju Sebastian M.A	1995 –
137.	Jose Mathew M.A	6/95 – 8/95

138.	Biju P. Mathew M.A, B.Ed	1996 – 1998
139.	Sebastian A.T. M.A, B.Ed	1996 – 1998

DEPARTMENT OF ORIENTAL LANGUAGES

The Department of Oriental Languages (Malayalam, Sanskrit and Hindi) started functioning in 1922 with two members: Prof. A. Parameswara Iyer (Malayalam) and P.R. Dorai Swamy Sarma (Sanskrit) Prof. Parameswara Iyer left after one year. In his place Prof. K. Sankara Pillai, who had been working at CMS College Kottayam was appointed. He was a great teacher and a stern taskmaster. In 1927 when the College became First Grade he was made the Head of the Department. He served the college till 1940 getting the benefit of an extension of ten years. Prof. P.V. Ulahannan Mappillai joined the Department in 1930 and became Head in 1934. It was during his tenure that BA and M A Courses in Malayalam were started. Affiliation for BA was granted in 1959 and for M A in 1960. In 1939 he was promoted to the post of the Superintendent of Indian languages. He was a great scholar, a gifted teacher and an orator. After his formal term of service he was allowed to continue as U.G.C Professor for five years and he retired in 1970 after 40 years of total service. Prof. K.V. Ramachandra Pai joined the Department in 1951 and became Head in 1970. He was a well known grammarian, editor and writer. He remained in service till 1975. Another notable presence in the Department was that of Prof. M.M. Joseph (1956-1981), the only MP so far from among the staff. It was through his good offices that the College could secure the pending U.G.C. grant for the Biology Block.

In the Sanskrit Section Dorai Swamy Sarma retired in 1946-47 to join SD College Alleppey. Mahopadhyaya Sreenivasa Sarma was appointed in his place. He served as Sanskrit Lecturer till 1969.

Mr. K.V. Nair was the first member of the Hindi Section of the Department. He joined the Faculty in 1943. At first he taught Sanskrit. In 1946 Sanskrit was discontinued and Hindi was introduced as Second Language for Intermediate Classes. Sanskrit was introduced for degree classes as Second Language later.

Syriac was offered as Second Language from 1937 onwards. Rev. Fr. Joseph Hadrian TOCD was the first member of the Faculty. Rev. Fr. K.V. Joseph took the place of Hadrian as Bursar and Professor of Syriac in 1939 when the latter was relieved. Rev. Fr. C.T. Kottaram. Rev. Fr. L.J. Chittoor (later Monsignor and Manager) and Rev. Fr. Mathew Kavukatt (who became Bishop and Patron later) were notable presences in the Syriac Section.

The Department was accorded the status of a Research Center in 1986. After the retirement of Prof. K.V. Ramachandra Pai, Profs. A.J. Jospheh, N.S. Sebastian, Antony Joseph, I. Isthak, and K.A. Joseph Kattady served as heads of the Department successively. In 2005 Prof. K.A. Joseph retired from service and Prof. K.J. Thoams took charge as Head. Sri Scaria Zacharia who joined the Department in 1969 resigned his post in 1994 to join Sri Sankara University, Kalady. Rev. Fr. C.T. Vayalil joined the Department in 1970 and left the College in 1989.

On 2nd March 1967 an I.C Symposium was held under the auspices of the Department to honour the memory of Chevalier I.C. Chacko, the first lay member of the Managing Board who had passed away on 26th May 1966. (see Chapter IV). The Department is conducting annually the following Memorial Lectures.

1. Prof. M.P. Paul Memorial Lecture
2. Prof. P.V. Ulahannan Mappillai Memorial Lecture
3. Prof. K.V. Ramachandra Pai Memorial Lecture
4. Rev. Fr. Joseph Valiaveetil Memorial lecture

5. Prof. Sreenivasa Sarma Memorial lecture. The celebrated speakers who delivered lectures include Mr. M.V. Devan, Sri Adoor Gopalakrishnan, Sri K.P. Narayana Pisharadi, Dr. B. Ekbal, Dr. Scaria Zacharia, Sri D. Vinayachandran, Sri Kadammanitta Ramakrishnan, Sri Madhusoodanan Nair and Sri M.T. Vasudevan Nair.

LIST OF TEACHERS

MALAYALAM

Sl. No	Name	Years of Service
1.	A. Parameswara Iyer B.A	1922 – 1923
2.	P.R. Doraiswamy Sharma Siromony (BOL)	1922 – 1946
3.	K. Sankara Pillai B.A	1923 – 1940
4.	Fr. C.K. Mattom Pundit, M R A S & F R S A	1928 – 1933
5.	P.V. Ulahannan M.A	1930 – 1970
6.	M.C. Mathai B.A	1935 – 1938
7.	K.V. Nair, Pundit	1943 – 1960
8.	V.R. Sreenivasa Sarma Pundit	1946 – 1969
9.	D. Devasia Thakadiyel M.A	1949 – 1951
10.	Fr. John Mattom M.A	1949 – 1951
11.	R. Subramanya Sarma , Pundit	1950 – 1953
12.	K.V. Ramachandra Pai, M.A, L.T	1950 – 1975
13.	A.J. Joseph, M.A	1950 – 1986
14.	K.V. Ramavarma Pandalai, M.A	1952 – 1953
15.	Rev. Fr. V.M. Joseph, B.A	1953 – 1956
16.	M.M. Joseph, M.A	1956 – 1981
17.	K.P.Sankaran M.A	1960 – 1961
18.	S. Xavier Padanilam, M.A	1963 – 1965
19.	T.V. Varkey, M.A	1964 – 1966
20.	N.S.Sebastian, M.A	1965 – 1996
21.	Antony Joseph, M.A	1966 – 1998
22.	T.J. Mathai, M.A	1967 – 1995
23.	Scaria Zacharia, M.A	1969 – 1994
24.	I. Isthak, M.A	1969 – 2002
25.	Rev. Fr. C.T. Vayalil, M.A	1970 – 1989

26.	S. Thankappan, M.A	1970 – 2001
27.	V. Unnikrishnan, M.A	1970 – 1972
28.	Philip Xavier, M.A	1975 – 2002
29.	Thomas Joshy, M.A	1978 – 2003
30.	K.A. Joseph, M.A	1978 – 2005
31.	K.J. Thomas, M.A	1979 –
32.	C.N. Purushothaman Nampoothiri, M.A	1979 – 2006
33.	Cherian Philip, M.A	1980 – 2002
34.	V. James, M.A	1982 –
35.	M.J. Chacko, M.A	1982 –
36.	Joy Joseph, M.A	1985 –
37.	Dr. E.N. Narayanan, M.A, Mphil, Ph.D	2001 –
38.	Dr. P. Antony, M.A. Ph.D	2004 –
39.	Rev. Fr. Regi Kurian, M.A	2004 –
40.	Dr. Joji Madappatt, M.A, Ph.D	2005 –

SYRIAC

Sl. No	Name	Years of Service
1.	Rev. Fr. Joseph Hadrian, T O C D	1937 – 1939
2.	Rev. Fr. Joseph Pariyaram, Degree in Syriac	1939 – 1951
3.	Rev. Fr. C.T. Kottaram, B.A, L D	1939 – 1942
4.	Rev. Fr. L.J. Chittoor, Ph.D, D D	1939 – 1940
5.	Rev. Fr. M.K. John, M.A	1940 – 1941 1944 – 1952
6.	Rev. Fr. Mathew Kavukatt, B.A	1941 – 1950
7.	Rev. Fr. Joseph Kurias, Degree in Syriac	1944 – 1953
8.	Rev. Fr. Thomas William, M.A, L.T.	1944 – 1953
9.	Fr. Gregory Karickampally, Degree in Syriac	1953 – 1968
10.	Rev. Fr. Mathew Pulickaparampil, M.A	1956 – 1960

11.	Rev. Fr. Mathew Kattady, Degree in Syriac Lph, L D	1956 – 1960 1964 – 1970
12.	Rev. Fr. Philip Chavara, B.A	1961 – 1982
13.	Rev. Fr. Issac Alenchery, B.A	1969 – 1987
14.	Rev. Fr. Thomas Kanjirathumoottil, B.A	1982 – 1991
15.	Rev. Fr. Joseph N.V.	1994 – 1996
16.	Rev. Fr. John Joseph, M.Sc	1994 –
17.	Rev. Fr. Thomas K.K., M.A	1987 – 2007

HINDI

Sl. No	Name	Years of Service
1.	K.V. Nair, Pundit	1943 – 1951
2.	N.E. Viswanathan, Pundit	1946 – 1949
3.	K.N. Sivarama Pillai, Pundit	1949 – 1974
4.	M.P. Madhava Kurup, B A	1952 – 1974
5.	T.K. Bhaskara Varma, Pundit, B.Sc	1954 – 1955
6.	P.C. Jose, M.A	1974 – 1993
7.	M.K. Joseph, M.A	1974 – 1993
8.	Sunnykutti Kurian, M.A, B.Ed	1974 – 1995
9.	K.D. Joseph, M.A	1983 – 2004
10.	Roy Joseph, M.A, M. Phil, Ph.D	1993 –
11.	Isac K.S, M.A, M. Phil, Ph.D	1993 –
12.	Dr. Mathew Abraham, M.A, Ph.D	1993 –

THE DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

The Department of Mathematics commenced functioning in 1925 with the introduction of Group I at the Intermediate level. To begin with there was only one member: Prof. V.A. Mahalinga Iyer. He served only for one year. Prof. M.T. Kurian joined the Department in 1926. The Department proper was formed in 1928 with the starting of the B.A Degree course. Prof. T.A. Satagopan MA from Madras Christian College was appointed Professor of the newly formed Department.

Prof. M.T. Kurian (1926-1962) and Prof. P.C. Joseph (1939-1946) who joined the Department later guided the destinies of the Department with firmness and flexibility. Prof. Satagopan and Prof. P.C. Joseph left the Department to take up work elsewhere. When Prof. M.T. Kurian retired in 1962. Prof. O.C. Kuriakose took over as Head. In 1965 during his tenure as Head affiliation was granted for P G Course in Mathematics. He retired in 1978. Prof. O.C Kuriakose belongs to a class of his own. As a scholar and teacher of Mathematics he has few parallels. He evolved his own philosophy of Mathematics. His speeches and writings are erudite discourses which open up new vistas of Mathematical knowledge.

In 1978 Prof. OC Kuriakose retired and the mantle of the Head of the Department fell on the Prof. S. Abraham. After his retirement in 1991 Prof. M.A. Manuel, M. Prof. M. Venkataraman, Prof. G. Jayarajan, Prof. Raju Kuttickal and Prof. Joseph Mathews presided over the Department in turn.

The Department has a full-fledged Computer Laboratory. It is equipped with two computers, 2 laptops, 1 CCD and 1 OHP.

Prof. Abraham Endowment Lecture was instituted by Prof. S. Abraham who served the College with commitment for 38 years. The inaugural lecture was delivered by Dr. T. Thrivikraman in 1997. Dr. Babu Joseph, Dr. Jacob Thomas IAS, Justice K.T. Thomas and Dr. B Iqbal are some of the other distinguished speakers.

In 2004 the Department started a Remedial System for BSc, Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry, B.A and M.A Economics students with U.G.C. sponsorship. The classes are meant for students who are weak in Mathematics.

The Department has conducted the following Seminars:-

Year	Subject	Speaker (s)
1979	National Seminar cum Workshop on Topology and functional analysis at PG level	Dr. Thrivikraman (CUSAT) Dr. Abdi (CUSAT)
1979	National Seminar cum Workshop on Modern Algebra, Analysis and Complex Variables at UG level	Dr. Namboothiripad (Kerala University) Dr. Veeramoni (Kerala University)
2001-02	One Day Seminar On Applicable Mathematics	K.S. James (Principal, College of Engineering CUSAT)
2002-03	UGC Sponsored Seminar on	Prof. R.D Giri (HOD Mathematics,

	Coding Theory	Bombay University)
2002-03	UGC Sponsored One Day Seminar On Application Of Mathematics In Engineering	Prof. K.E. Varghese, Calicut University
2007	A three Day National Seminar on Wavelets Fractal & Applications Sponsored by CSIR New Delhi	Dr. B. Vinod Kumar (Rajagiri School of Engineering) Dr. M.N. N Namboothiri (CUSAT) Dr. E.K. Narayanan I I S E, Bangalore
2006 (16, 17, 18 February)	Three Day National Seminar on Discrete and Fuzzy Mathematics	Ramasubramanyam (C I I T Bombay), Sethuraman (I I T, Chennai), V.K. Balachandran (Former Director, Ramanujan Institute, Chennai), Veeramoni (Amruta Institute Coimbatore)

Research

Prof. Antony Mathews of the Department is conducting a U.G.C. funded research on the subject "Betweenness in Lattices" (2006-08).

Projects

Mr. M.C. Jose of the Department was sanctioned Rs. 7.5 lakhs for the Project: *Evaluation of Educational Institutions under SC/ST Development Department, Kerala* (2005-06). He has also undertaken Minor Projects for SICCI, INFARM NGO. Dr. Joseph Mathews has been sanctioned a Minor Project on "Problems in Convexity for 2006-07. The fund allotted was Rs 50000/-. The Department has been sanctioned an Indo-Slovania Research Project on Metric Graph Theory for 2006-07. Apart from Department of Mathematics of St. Berchmans' College University of Kerala and CUSAT are the only other Institutions to have got the privilege.

The Department has a separate library with 500 volumes for immediate reference for students and teachers.

The Department has its own alumni Association which meets annually, and a strong departmental PTA.

LIST OF TEACHERS

Sl. No	Name	Years of Service
1.	V.A. Mahalinga Iyer, B.A, Hons	1925 – 1926
2.	M.T. Kurian, M.A	1926 – 1962

3.	T.A. Satagopan, M.A	1928 – 1946
4.	P.C. Joseph, M.A	1939 – 1946
5.	O.C. Kuriakose, B.Sc (Hons)	1943 – 1978
6.	C.T. Joseph, B.Sc	1945 – 1946
7.	G. Sankaranarayana Iyer, B.Sc	1946 – 1947
8.	Sreenivasa Sundaram, B.A (Hons)	1946 – 1951
9.	K.S. Joeph, B.Sc	1946 – 1947
10.	P.K. Narayana Pillai, B.Sc (Hons)	1947 – 1948
11.	C.T. Arumugham Pillai, B.Sc (Hons)	1947 – 1950
12.	John K. John	1948 – 1949
13.	M.C. Joseph, B.A, L T	1949 – 1974
14.	S. Ramachandra Iyer, B.Sc (Hons)	1949 – 1951
15.	N. Viswanathan, B.Sc	6/1949 – 7/1949
16.	N.R. Devikumara Varma, B.Sc (Hons)	6/1949 – 7/1949
17.	K.V. Muthuswamy, B.Sc	1949 – 1950
18.	K. Parthasarathy, B.Sc	1951 – 1952
19.	N.T. Jose, BA (Hons)	1952 – 1953
20.	P.S. Parameswaran, M.A	1952 – 1953
21.	S. Abraham, M.Sc	1953 – 1991
22.	A. Harihara Krishna Iyer, M.Sc	1953 – 1956
23.	M.A. Manuel, B.Sc (Hons)	1956 – 1992
24.	Varghese Philip, M.Sc	1960 – 1964
25.	V.S. Varkey, M.Sc	1960 – 1991
26.	Joseph Pappy, M.Sc	1961 – 1964
27.	M. Venkitaraman, M.Sc	1964 – 1967 1968 – 1997

28.	K.S. Venkitachalam Iyer	1964 – 1995
29.	K.E. Paulose, M.Sc	1964 – 1996
30.	G. Jayarajan, M.Sc	1965 – 1999
31.	M.C. Varghese, M.Sc	1965 – 1998
32.	Rev. Fr. Joseph Kanikathott, M.Sc	9/1965 – 11/1965
33.	Jacob Mathew, M.Sc	1966 – 1967
34.	Koshy Mammen, M.Sc	1966 – 1967
35.	Muraleedharan Nair, M.Sc	1966 – 1967
36.	T.C. Jose, M.Sc	1968 – 1969
37.	Harihara Krishna Sarma, M.Sc	1968 – 1969
38.	V.A. Sebastian, M.Sc	1975 – 2000
39.	Raju V. Kuttickal, M.Sc, M.Phil	1975 – 2006
40.	Joseph Mathew, M.Sc, M.Phil, Ph.D	1978 –
41.	Antony Mathew, M.Sc, M.Phil	1979 –
42.	P.C. Andrews, M.Sc	1980 – 1981
43.	K. Rajan, M.Sc, M.Phil	1981 –
44.	V.D. Sebastian, M.Sc	1981 – 1987
45.	K.J. Joseph, M.Sc, B.Ed, M.Phil	1982 – 1985 1987 –
46.	Zacharia Varkey, M.Sc, M.Phil	1982 – 1985 1989 –
47.	George Antony, M.Sc	1995 – 2000
48.	Mathewkutty Varghese, M.Sc	1996 –
49.	Jose M.C., M.Sc, M.Phil	1996 –
50.	Fr. Gigy Thomas, M.Sc, M.Phil	2001 –
51.	Antony Mathew, M.Sc, M.Phil, DBM	2001 –

THE DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS

The Department started functioning in 1925 with the commencement of the Science Groups in the Intermediate Course. Prof. D. Gopalan, the first member of the faculty was a disciple of Sir. C.V. Raman. He had a fairly long innings as he remained in service till 1949. He was a multifaceted personality. Besides being an excellent scholar and teacher he was a gifted actor and a very good sportsman (Hockey Player). In 1942 Sri S.L. Thomas was appointed Junior Lecturer. In 1943 he took study leave to return in 1945 after taking B.Sc Hons. Affiliation for B.Sc was granted in 1945. In 1949 Prof. D. Gopalan resigned and Prof. S.L. Thomas was appointed Head of the Dept. Affiliation for M.Sc with Specialization on Electronics was granted in 1961. Prof. S.L. Thomas remained as Head till 1982, the year of his retirement. He put in thirty eight years of service and was at the helm for 32 years which is an all time record. He was a great scholar, an inspiring teacher and a gifted actor. He laid the foundation of the Department and contributed immensely to its growth and development. Prof. N. Sivasankaran Nair who succeeded him as Head of the Department endeared himself to all with his gentlemanly behaviour. The Physics Faculty has had on its rolls such celebrated teachers of Physics as Prof. C. Ouseph, Prof. C.K.Moosad, Prof. P.V. Joseph, Prof. M. Balarama Menon, Prof. George Varghese, Prof. Ittiyerah, Prof. N.N. Mathew, Prof. U.V. John, Prof. J.G. Rao, Prof. George Abraham and Prof. O.S. Sebastian in 1983 classes for M.Sc. in Material Science conducted by the M.G. University were started in St. Berchman's under the aegis of the Department.

The elevation of the Department as a Research Centre in 1986 was a landmark in its history. Dr. Joseph Maroor (who later became Principal) was appointed as a Research Guide. After the retirement of Prof. N. Sivasankaran Nair, Prof. K.K. John, Prof. T.S. Antony, Prof. A.M. Thomas, Prof. M.J. James, Prof. P.V. Aprame and Prof. Baby Joseph took over the reins of the Department by turn. In 1998 an Energy Park was setup with Rs. 5 lacks sanctioned by the Ministry of Non-conventional Energy.

The MSc course in Non-conventional Energy was inaugurated by Dr. V.N. Rajasekhara Pillai, Vice Chancellor, MG University on 9th December 1998.

In January 1979 a Refresher Course for College Teachers was conducted under the auspices of the Department. It was sponsored by the U.G.C.

A Memorial Lecture in honour of Prof. J.G. Rao, one of the distinguished members of the staff who passed away in 1986 was instituted in 1995-96. Prof. B. Ambadi, a young and dynamic member of the Department had his life cut short in a road accident in 1996. From 1997-98 onwards the Lecture was renamed as *Prof. J.G. Rao and B. Ambadi Memorial Lecturers*. The first Lecture (1995-96) was delivered by Prof. P.K. Ayenkar, Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission. Other speakers include Dr. K. Babu Joseph, Vice Chancellor, CUSAT and Dr. J.V. Narliakr, IUCCA, Pune.

Dr. George Varghese was selected as a visiting professor at the Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics, Hyderabad

The Department has conducted a good number of seminars and Refresher courses. The details are given below.

Year	Funding Agency	Particulars
1978	U.G.C	Seminar on Solid State Physics
1978	U.G.C	Seminar on lasers
1985	Indian National Science Academy & M.G. University	19 th National Seminar on Crystallography
1987	U.G.C.	Natinal Seminar on Crystallography
1992	M.G. University	21 day Refresher Course in Physics
1993	M.G. Unviersity	21 day Refresher Course in Physics
1998	U.G.C.	3 day National Seminar on Condensed Matter & Application to Non-conventional Energy
2000	IUCAA, Pune	4 day National Seminar on Stellar Structure and Evolution
2002	ANERT, Kerala	One day Seminar on Renewable Energy
2002	ISNT, Trivanrum	One day workshop on Non-destructive Evolution
2004	IASC, Bangalore	3 day Lecture series on Quantitative Information Theory
2005	IASC, Bangalore	All India Refresher Course (15 days) in Theoretical Physics
2006	SPACE	Two day Seminar on LINUX

DETAILS OF THE PROJECTS SANCTIONED TO THE DEPARTMENT

a) Individual

Year	Amount	Funding Agency	Investigator and Subject
1999	Rs. 40,000/-	U.G.C.	Dr. K.C. George Physical Properties of certain Nanophase Materials
1999	Rs. 40,000/-	U.G.C.	Dr. Shajo Sebastian

			AC & DC conductivity study of some super conic glasses
2003	Rs. 40,000/-	UGC	Dr. George Varghese Nucleation studies of protein crystals under electric field
2003	Rs. 50,000/-	UGC	Dr. K.E. Abraham Photo electronics studies of certain semi conducting materials
2005	Rs. 10,000/-	ANERT	Dr. Jose Mathew Design and study of Solar Pond
2005	Rs. 10,000/-	ANERT	Dr. Issac Paul Biofuels-Design of a destination unit
2005	Rs. 10,000/-	ANERT	Dr. Jacob Mathew PC controlled spin coating system
2005	Rs. 10,000/-	ANERT	Dr. K.E. Abraham Design and insulation of Solar Still
2006	Rs. 75,000/-	UGC	Dr. Issac Paul Biofuel Ethanol production from Biomass
2006	Rs. 70,000/-	UGC	Sr. Siby Kurian Dielectric behaviour and Magnetic Property Study of certain Nano sized Ferrite
2006	Rs. 8,00,800	KSCSTE	Dr. Saban K.V. Preparation and Study of Ceramic Perovskite for Magnetic Refrigeration
2007	Rs. 11,01,100	UGC	Dr. Saban K.V. Preparation of 5:4 Rare Earth Silicide Pseudo-Binary Alloys for Magnetic Refrigeration
b) Department			
Plan Period	Amount	Funding Agency	Project

VII	100,00	UGC	
VIII	75,000	UGC	
IX	1,20,000	UGC	
X	2,77,440	UGC	
X	25,00,000	DST (FIST Scheme)	

LIST OF TEACHERS

Sl. No	Name	Years of Service
1.	D. Gopalan, B.A (Hons)	1925 – 1949
2.	T.J. Joseph, B.A	1926 – 1952
3.	C. Ouseph, M.A	1929 – 1931
4.	K. Kerala Varma	1935 – 1940
5.	C. Joseph	1939 – 1941
6.	T.C. Sebastian, B.Sc	1940 – 1941
7.	S.L. Thomas, B.Sc (Hons)	1941 – 1942 1945 – 1982
8.	S. Harihara Iyer, M.Sc	1942 – 1943 1945 – 1946
9.	P.V. Joseph, B.Sc (Hons)	1943 – 1945 1947 – 1949
10.	U.V. John, M.A	1953 – 1958
11.	V. Devasia, B.A	1943 – 1944
12.	C. Kumaran Moosad, B.Sc (Hons)	1944 – 1946
13.	K.S. Paulose, B.Sc	1945 – 1946
14.	K.S. Joseph, B.Sc	1945 – 1946
15.	C.K. Kuriakose, B.Sc	1946 – 1947
16.	T. Sankara Narayana Iyer, B.Sc	1946 – 1948
17.	K.K. Parameswaran Nampoothiri, B.Sc	1946 – 1947
18.	Bhoothanathan, B.Sc	1947 – 1948
19.	K.C. Chandy, B.Sc	1947 – 1949
20.	E. Philip John, B.Sc	1947 – 1949
21.	N.N. Mathew, M.A	1948 – 1949 1951 – 1952
22.	Thomas Eapen B.Sc	1948 – 1950
23.	P. Baby, B.Sc	07/49 – 09/49
24.	V.O Pothen, B.Sc	1949 – 1950
25.	George Varghese, M.Sc	1949 – 1951

26.	C.E. Ittiyera, B.Sc (Hons)	1949 – 1951
27.	K. Balagopalan, B.Sc	1949 – 1950
28.	V.J. Joseph, B.Sc	1949 – 1951
29.	J. Gopalakrishna Rao, MSc	1949 – 1951 1953 – 1984
30.	K.J. Joseph, B.Sc	1950 – 1952
31.	M.B. Balarama Menon, M.A	1950 – 1952
32.	A.P. Jacob, B.Sc	1950 – 1951
33.	George Abraham, B.Sc	1950 – 1984
34.	K.V. Devasia, B.Sc	1950 – 1953
35.	A.R. Venkitaraman, B.Sc	1951 – 1953
36.	Sr. Annamma Joseph, B.Sc	1951 – 1952
37.	N. Sankaran Nampoothiri, M.Sc	1952 – 1953
38.	N Sivasankaran Nair, M.Sc	1952 – 1987
39.	C.C. Philip, B.Sc	1952 – 1955
40.	K.S. Antony, M.Sc	1952 – 1955 1957 – 1962
41.	M.D. Thomas, B.Sc	1952 – 1957
42.	M.J. Mathew, B.Sc	1953 – 1955
43.	Mathappan Sebastian, B.Sc	1953 – 1954
44.	C.A. Varghese, M.Sc	1954 – 1956
45.	K.K. John, M.Sc	1955 – 1993
46.	C.S. Abraham, B.Sc	1956 – 1957
47.	T.S. Antony, M.Sc	1957 – 1959 1961 – 1998
48.	C.J. Mathew, M.Sc	1957 – 1977
49.	V.J. Geevarghese, M.Sc	1958 – 1961 1963 – 1991
50.	A.G. George, M.Sc	1961 – 1993
51.	Vincent Zacharias, M.Sc	1961 – 1962
52.	M.J. George, M.Sc	1962 – 1963
53.	K.J. George, M.Sc	1962 – 1963

54.	K. Babu Joseph, M.Sc	1963 – 1964
55.	V.T. Mathew, M.Sc	1963 – 1965
56.	Rev. Fr. P.M. Thoams, M.Sc	1964 – 1969
57.	Rev. Fr. Joseph Maroor, M.Sc, D Sc	1964 – 1991
58.	A.M. Thomas, M.Sc	1965 – 1998
59.	T.T. Joseph, B.Sc	1965 – 1966
60.	C.T. Louis Kutty, M.Sc	7/1965 – 10/1965
61.	P.M. George, M.Sc	1965 – 1966
62.	T.T. Devasia, M.Sc	1965 – 1966
63.	Joseph John, M.Sc	9/1965 – 10/1965
64.	G. Raju, M.Sc	1/1966 – 3/1966
65.	Alexander Mathew, M.Sc	1/1966 – 3/1966
66.	Easwaran Nampoothiri, M.Sc	7/1966 – 8/1966
67.	K.T. James, M.Sc	1966 – 1967
68.	P.C. Baby, M.Sc	1966 – 1967 1969 – 1970
69.	M.J. James, M.Sc	1966 – 1999
70.	P.C. Jacob, M.Sc	1966 – 1996
71.	K.V. Thomas, M.Sc	1966 – 1967 1970 – 2001
72.	Thomas Mathew, B.Sc	1966 – 1967
73.	K.A. Thomas, B.Sc	1967 – 1968
74.	T.D. Cherian, B.Sc	1967 – 1969
75.	George Sebastian, M.Sc	1968 – 1998
76.	P.J. Thomas, M.Sc	1968 – 1969
77.	Dr. P.J. Ouseph, M.Sc, Ph.D	1968 – 1969
78.	O.S. Sebastian, M.Sc	1968 – 2001
79.	Rev. Fr. P.J. Gregory, M.Sc	1968 – 1992
80.	P.V. Apreme, M.Sc	1969 – 2000
81.	P.C. Baby, M.Sc	1966 – 1967 1969 – 1970
82.	M.M. Antony, M.Sc	1970 – 1971

83.	M.J. Paul, M.Sc	1/1971 – 3/1971
84.	Baby Joseph, M.Sc, M.Phil	1977 –
85.	Roy John, M.Sc	1977 – 1978
86.	Johny Joseph, M.Sc	1979 –
87.	George C. Chennattusserry, M.Sc, MPhil, Ph.D	1978 –
88.	C.A. Xavier, M.Sc, M.Phil	1978 –
89.	K.P. Satheesh, M.Sc	1978 – 1980
90.	Josekutty Joseph, M.Sc	1979 – 1988
91.	V. Prabha, M.Sc	1980 –
92.	James Abraham, M.Sc	1980 – 1989
93.	George Varghese, M.Sc, Ph.D	1980 –
94.	K.C. George, M.Sc, Ph.D	1981 –
95.	Jose Mathew, M.Sc, Ph.D	1981 –
96.	Jolly Lukose, M.Sc	1981 – 1982
97.	P.J. Kurian, M.Sc, Ph.D	1982 –
98.	Dr. B. Pradeep, M.Sc, Ph.D	11/1987 – 3/1988
99.	V. Ramakrishnan, M.Sc	6/1987 – 7/1987
100.	B. Ambadi, M.Sc	1988 – 1996
101.	K.V. Saban, M.Sc, Mphil, Ph.D	1988 –
102.	Issac Paul, M.Sc, Ph.D	1989 –
103.	Shajo Sebastian, M.Sc, M.Phil, Ph.D	1989 –
104.	Siby Kurian, M.Sc, Ph.D	1989 –
105.	Dr. Abraham K.E., M.Sc, Ph.D	1993 –
106.	Dr. Jacob Mathew, M.Sc, Ph.D	1993 –
107.	Tomy Job, M.Sc	12/1996 – 2002

THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

The Department started functioning in 1925 with the introduction of the Science Groups in the Intermediate Classes.

Mr. K.J. Zacharias was the first member of the Department. He retired in 1933. Prof. T.T. Chacko succeeded him as Head. He was in service till 1969. B.Sc and M.Sc in the discipline were started during his time. Affiliation for B.Sc was granted in 1951 and for M.Sc in

1964. Prof. T.T. Chacko guided the destinies of the Department during its initial years. Prof. K.C. Papoo joined the Department in 1934 and was in service till 1955. He excelled as a teacher and disciplinarian. Rev. Fr. Francis Kalacherry joined the Department in 1939. In 1944 he left for Annamalai University and rejoined the Department in 1946 after taking his M.A. He left after one year and rejoined in 1946 after taking his M.A. from Annamalai University.

In 1944 Prof. N.C. Thomas joined the Department. He retired in 1983 after 39 years of distinguished service. He was a brilliant teacher and a very good guide to the students in the laboratory. Prof. Chacko Ramacha who joined the Department in 1958 earned a name for himself as a teacher. He was totally committed to his profession. He was called to eternity while engaged in the work he loved most – teaching. A bout of heart attack during a brief interval between two sessions of classes signalled his end.

Prof. K.J. George joined the Department in 1956 and retired in 1992 as Vice Principal. He became Head of the Dept in 1969. M.Sc in Analytical Chemistry was started in 1984 under his initiative. He was totally committed to the profession and the Department.

Prof. Georgekunju Sebastian joined the dept in 1963 and retired in 1995. He was a teacher to the tip of his finger. He made the teaching and learning of Chemistry an interesting proposition.

Another name to be remembered is Rev. Fr. James Valiaparampil. He joined the Department in 1970. He met his end in very unfortunate circumstances. In the course of a pleasure trip to Thanneermukkam on 13th March 1976 he fell into the lake never to see the shore again. He was infinitely human and always maintained cordial relations with his colleagues. He is fondly remembered by the Department.

After the retirement of Prof. K.J. George in 1992 it was the turn of Prof. V.J. Thomas to become the Head of the Department. After him Profs. M.T. Joseph, N.J. Thomas, T.J. Kurian Joseph Mekat, T.J Abraham and K.J. George (Jr.) took over as Heads of the Department successively.

The Department was accorded the status of a Research Centre in 1998. Affiliation for M.Sc. in Polymer Chemistry was granted in 1999. UGC sanctioned M.Phil in Environmental Science under the Innovative Programmes in Emerging Areas in 2002. The Environment Science Laboratory set up at a cost of Rs. 23.5 lakhs was blessed by His Grace Mar Joseph Powathil, the Patron on 14th March 2007. The Department has a full-fledged Computer Laboratory with 8 computers, one scanner and a printer.

Dr. Kuruvilla Joseph won a fellowship from the Department of Science and Technology to do research in the Institute of Material Sciences, Martin Luther University, Halle, Wittenburg. He also availed himself of a visiting Professor Fellowship of the National Council for Scientific and Technological Development (CNPq), Government of Brazil. He also spent a short term at CNPDIA/EMBRAPA, Sao Carlos, Brazil as a visiting researcher.

The Department has been identified as a Centre of Excellence for carrying out research in environmental problems. The department has formed a Peer Advisory Committee headed by former HOD Prof. K.J. George to review the activities of the Department and suggest modifications.

Chemistry Association under the auspices of the Department was started in 1966. The Association aims at developing in students an aptitude for science and literary and oratorical skills. Every year the Association holds competition in quiz, essay writing, debates, science talent search tests, symposia, workshops and exhibitions.

A Memorial Lecture Series was started in 1996 to honour the memory of eminent professors, T.T. Chacko, Chacko Remacha and Rev. Fr. James Valiaparambil. The inaugural lecture was delivered by Dr. M.V. George, RLL Trivandrum on 21/6/96.

The Department laboratory offers research programmes in the following areas: Polymer blends and Composites, Rubber Chemistry, Nanomaterials Transition metal Complex, Peptide Synthesis, Membrane technology, Separation Technologies and Environmental Science. It also offers consultancy service to various industries and the public with a view to helping the community to maintain a clean environment and proper hygiene.

At the national level the Department has had collaboration with Rubber Research Institute of India (RRII) Kottayam Regional Research Laboratory (RRL) Trivandrum, School of Chemical Sciences, M.G. University, Kottayam; Department of Polymer Science and Rubber Technology, CUSAT; Department of Polymer Chemistry Amrita Institute of Technology and Sciences., Coimbatore and NIT, Calicut. At the International level the Department has been collaborating with the following Institutes:-

- (1) Department of Material Engineering, Federal University of Paraiba, Campina Grande PB, Brazil
- (2) Department of Civil Engineering, Federal University of Riode Janeiro, COPPE/PEC, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
- (3) Swedish Institute of Composites (SICMOP), Pilea, Sweden
- (4) Brazilian Institute of Agricultural Engineering, CNPDIA/EMBRAPA, Sao carlos – SP, Brazil
- (5) Institute of Materials, Martin Luther University, Halle-Willenburg, Germany

Seminars and Refresher Courses

Intercollegiate Refresher Courses for teachers of Chemistry under Faculty Improvement Programme were held (1) in January 1979 (2) in April 1991 (1st April to 26th April) (3) January 1995 (1 January to 25 January).

A Lecture series on *Foundation for Capacity Building in Science* was held on 30th September 2003.

The First National Seminar on *Emerging Trends in Chemoinformatics* was held on 7th September 2006.

The January 2007 the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India sanctioned Rs. 45 lakhs to the department for five years under the FIST Programme.

THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS HAVE BEEN SANCTIONED TO THE DEPARTMENT

Projects Completed

Sl. No.	Principal Investigator (s)	Project	Funding Agency	Amount
1	Dr. Kuruvilla Joseph and Dr. P.V. Joseph 1996 – '99	Development of cost effective products from short sisal fibre reinforced polypropylene	KCSTEL	Rs. 1,16,000/-

		composites		
2.	Dr. K.C. Philip 1991 – 2001	Modified membrane Sensors	KLSTEC	Rs. 80,000/-
3.	Dr. K.C. Philip 2001 – 2004	Asymmetric membranes based on Polyphosphazene	Science Technology and Environment Committee, Govt. of Kerala	Rs 89,000/-
4.	Dr. Kuruvilla Joseph 2002-2005	Sperulite Growth Rate; Fractionated Crystallisation Kinetics and molecular orientation on the TPE's from NBRPP blends	Science Technology and Environment Committee, Govt. of Kerala	Rs. 3,38,368/-

ON GOING PROJECTS

Sl. No.	Principal Investigator (s)	Project	Funding Agency	Amount
1.	Tomlal Jose .E 2004 – '06	Studies on Comingled Composite Systems	UGC	Rs. 45,000/-
2.	Renjith Thomas 2006 – 08	Computational and theoretical reinvestigate into the factors affecting rotation about single bonds	U.G.C.	Rs. 60,000/-
3.	Dr. Kuruvilla Joseph 2006 – '09	Synthesis of Polymers from renewable resources and development of 'Green' composites based on cellulose, micro fibrils and	UGC	Rs. 4,76,000/-

		nanoparticles		
4.	Dr. Kuruvilla Joseph 2005 – '08	Nanomaterials; Synthesis Characterization and Applications	Department of Science & Technology, Govt. of India	Rs 67,45,000/-

LIST OF TEACHERS

Sl. No	Name	Years of Service
1.	K.J. Zacharias, B.A	1925 – 1933
2.	T.V. Yegneswara Iyer, B.A	1926 – 1928
3.	T.M. Mathew, B.A	1928 – 1935
4.	N.S. Krishna Swamy, M.A	1936 – 1937
5.	M.K. Joseph, B.A	1931 – 1932
6.	T.T. Chacko, M.Sc	1934 – 1969
7.	K.C. Pappoo, M.A, M.Sc	1934 – 1955
8.	P.T. Joseph, B.A	1936 – 1941
9.	Rev. Fr. Francis, Kalacherry, B.Sc (Hons)	1939 – 1944 1945 – 1956 1961 – 1970
10.	K.M. Luke, B.A	1942 – 1943
11.	S. Mahadevan, M.Sc	1943 – 1945
12.	V. Krishna Pillai, B.Sc	1945 – 1946
13.	P.K. Gopalakrishna Pillai, B.Sc	1945 – 1946
14.	N.C. Thomas, B.Sc	1944 – 1983
15.	V. Pushpangadan, B.Sc	1946 – 1947
16.	K.C. George, B.Sc	1946 – 1947
17.	Varghese Mathew, M.Sc	1947 – 1957 1959 – 1967
18.	P.D. Joseph, B.Sc	1950 – 1951
19.	E. Krishnan, B.Sc (Hons)	1951 – 1952
20.	P.C. Joseph, B.Sc	1951 – 1953
21.	M.J. Joseph, B.Sc	1951 – 1952
22.	John Sebastian, B.Sc	1951 – 1952
23.	N. Venkiteswaran, M.Sc	1952 – 1953
24.	O.T. Antony, B.Sc	1952 – 1953
25.	M.G. John, B.Sc	1952 – 1953
26.	James Varghese, B.Sc	1952 – 1953

27.	T.M. Sebastian, B.Sc	1952 – 1953
28.	K.S. Thomas, B.Sc	1952 – 1953
29.	M.J. Jose, M.Sc	1953 – 1964
30.	E.T. Varkey, M.Sc	1953 – 1956
31.	M.J. George, B.Sc	1953 – 1955
32.	Joseph George, B.Sc	1953 – 1956
33.	K.D. Michael, B.Sc	1953 – 1956
34.	K.J. Joseph, M.Sc B.Ed	1954 – 1956 1966 – 1992
35.	T.K. Bhaskara Varma, B.Sc	1954 – 1955
36.	P.L. Joseph, M.Sc	1955 – 1956
37.	K. Chandrasekhara Warriar, B.Sc	1955 – 1958
38.	P.T. Varghese, M.Sc, B.Ed	1955 – 1958 1964 – 1992
39.	N.T. Thomas, M.Sc	1956 – 1958
40.	T.B.I. Mathew, M A, (Cantab)	1956 – 1960
41.	K.J. George, M.Sc	1956 – 1992
42.	Joy Thomas, B.Sc	1958 – 1959
43.	P.R. Ganapathy Iyer, B.Sc	1958 – 1959
44.	Chacko Ramacha, M.Sc	1958 – 1989
45.	E. Mathew Joseph, M.Sc	1959 – 1960
46.	K.J. Thomas, M.Sc	1959 – 1960
47.	Scaria Cherian, B.Sc	1963 – 1965
48.	Georgekunju Sebastian, M.Sc	1963 – 1995
49.	E.T. Mathew, M.Sc	1964 – 1966
50.	K.J. Augustine, M.Sc	1964 – 1969
51.	V.J. Thomas, M.Sc	1965 – 1995
52.	George Philip, M.Sc	1965 – 1966
53.	M.T. Joseph, M.Sc	1965 – 1996
54.	Jospeh Mathew, M.Sc	1965 – 1998
55.	Joseph Stephen, M.Sc	1966 – 1967
56.	M.T. Varghese, M.Sc	1965 – 1967

57.	Josephkunju Sebastian, M.Sc	1965 – 1967
58.	Jose Joseph, M.Sc	1965 – 1966 1968 – 2001
59.	N.J. Thomas, M.Sc	1966 – 1997
60.	T.J. Joseph, M.Sc	1966 – 4969
61.	Alphonse K.P., B.Sc	1967 – 1968
62.	T.P. Chandrasekhara Pillai, B.Sc	1968 – 1969
63.	Baby Varghese, B.Sc	1968 – 1969
64.	P.K. Unni Nair, B.Sc	1968 – 1969
65.	Dr. K.T. Joseph, M.Sc, Ph.D	1968 – 1971
66.	T.J. Kurian, M.Sc	1968 – 2000
67.	T.J. Mathew, M.Sc	1968 – 1997
68.	Augustine Thomas, M.Sc	1968 – 1999
69.	M.E. Narayanan Nampoothiri, M.Sc	1968 – 1969
70.	Joseph Mekat, M.Sc	1968 – 2002
71.	K.C. Kuriakose, M.Sc	1969 – 2002
72.	Josephkunju K. Thundiyl, M.Sc	1969 – 2001
73.	T.A. Thankachan, M.Sc	1966 – 1967 1969 – 2001
74.	M.M. Thomas, M.Sc	1967 – 1968 1970 – 2002
75.	Rev. Fr. N.T. Chacko, M.Sc	1970 – 1976
76.	T.J. Abraham, M.Sc, MPhil	1977 –
77.	P.V. Joseph, M.Sc, Ph.D	1977 –
78.	K.J. George (Jr), M.Sc, M.Phil	1977 –
79.	P.L. Lucas, M.Sc	1978 – 1999
80.	Rajendran P.K., M.Sc, M.Phil	1978 – 2006
81.	N.L. Sebastian, M.Sc	1978 – 1990
82.	Joseph Chacko, M.Sc	1978 – 1982
83.	T.J. Varkey, M.Sc	1978 – 2002
84.	Joseph Mathew, M.Sc	1978 – 1999
85.	Jose P. Kallooparampil, M.Sc	1978 – 1981

86.	George T., M.Sc	1978 – 1979
87.	Babu Joseph, M.Sc	1979 – 1980
88.	P.C. Cherian, M.Sc	1979 –
89.	M.A. Abraham, M.Sc	1979 – 1981
90.	George Mathew, M.Sc	1980 – 1984
91.	E.J. Mathew, M.Sc, Ph.D	1980 – 1984 1985 –
92.	George Sebastian, M.Sc, MPhil	1980 – 1984 1985 –
93.	Mohan Thomas, M.Sc, MPhil	1981 – 1983 1986 –
94.	Dr. T.V. Mathew, M.Sc, Ph.D	1987 –
95.	Shaji Joseph, M.Sc	1992 –
96.	P.C. Thomas, M.Sc, MPhil	1992 –
97.	Cherian Mathew, M.Sc, Ph.D	1993 –
98.	Kurivilla Joseph, M.Sc, Ph.D	1994 –
99.	K.C. Philip, M.Sc, Ph.D	1994 –
100.	Joji A, M.Sc, B.Ed	1996 – 1999
101.	Augusty Joseph, M.Sc	1996 – 2002
102.	Tomlal Jose, M.Sc	2000 –
103.	Renjith Thomas, M.Sc	2004 –

THE DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY

The Department was established in 1927 with the commencement of the Degree course, the first ever B.Sc Course in Botany in Kerala. The Department began functioning with two members: Prof. A.H. Sundara Raman and Prof. K.V. Pandalay. Prof. Sundara Raman left after one year. In 1928 Prof. T.S. Raghavan was appointed in his place. During this time the Herbarium and Museum were established. When Prof. T.S. Raghavan left in 1929 Prof. M.S. Raghavachari joined the Department. He succeeded Prof. K.V. Pandalay as Head. Prof. R. Vaidyanathan joined the Department in 1931. Dr. T.S. Raghavan, Prof. R. Vaidyanathan and Prof. M.S. Raghavachari were pioneers who built up the Department on a strong footing. Prof. Raghavachari was a brilliant teacher whom the students always remembered with nostalgia.

A departmental library was set up in 1934. In 1952 Department celebrated the Silver Jubilee of its establishment with a grand Science Exhibition. A Botanical Garden under the initiative of the Department was established in 1957. It contains a rich variety of flora.

Prof. P.C. Mathew became the Head of the Department in 1957. In 1961 affiliation was granted for M.Sc in Botany. In 1962 Dr. T.S. Raghavan rejoined the Department as UGC sponsored research guide. Special B.Sc. Course in Botany was started in 1966. Prof. O.J. Kuruvillai and Prof. Joseph Zacharia took charge of the Department in 1970 and 1971 respectively. In 1977 the Department celebrated the Golden Jubilee of the starting of the B.Sc Degree. In 1982 a Plant Systematic Laboratory was established. In 1979 the Department conducted an FIP / Refresher Course in Botany.

In 1984 Prof. T.V. Devasia took charge as Head of the Department. During his term the regional Herbarium of Kerala was installed in the College under the aegis of the UGC. It has now been modernized and expanded. In 1986-87 the Department celebrated the Diamond Jubilee of the commencement of B.Sc and the Silver Jubilee of the commencement of M.Sc. Course. Giani Zail Singh, the President of India inaugurated the celebrations on 31st August 1986. The same year the Department gained the status of a Research Centre. It was a landmark in the history of the Department. The Chronobiology Research Centre was inaugurated by Dr. T.V. Driessche, Universite Libre de. Bruxelles. In 1990 The Plant Biotechnology Laboratory was established. Dr. Thomas James, Prof. P.J. Job, Prof. Tomy Pothen, Prof. Jose Joseph and Prof. Joseph Tito took charge as Head of the Department successively. Meanwhile the Environmental Research Laboratory was established in 1995. In 1996 *Folia Berchmansia* the popular Science Journal of the Science Department was launched. The Indo-German Floriculture Development Project in collaboration with the Changanacherry Social Service Society was launched in 1997. In 1999 the Department conducted a National Seminar on Floriculture with the grant-in-aid of UGC and STEC.

In 2001 the Department started B.Sc Biotechnology and Botany (Double Main) under UGC's Vocational Education Programme. In 2002-03 the Department celebrated the Platinum Jubilee of its inception. Dr. Mrs. Manju Sarma, Secretary DBT GOI inaugurated the celebrations. The Department also started the M.Sc. Course in Biotechnology. In 2004 Prof. James Joseph assumed charge as Head of the Department.

Dr. J.G Ray, was conferred the title of the *Academician* by the Ukrainian Academy of Ecological Sciences. He is the first Indian to receive the title.

In 1979 January the Department conducted a Refresher Course for College Teachers, sponsored by the University.

DETAILS OF THE RESEARCH PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN BY THE DEPARTMENT

Sl. No.	Name of Investigator	Title of the Project	Duration	Fund Allotted	Funding Agency
1	Dr. Scaria K. Varghese And Joseph Job	Purification and characterization of peroxidases from <i>Salvinia</i>	01.04.2004 to 01.04.2006	80,000	UGC
2.	Dr. V.T. Antony	Ecogeography and genetic diversity of <i>Mobordica</i>	01.04.2003 to 01.04.2005	82,000	STED Govt. of Kerala
3.	Dr. JG Ray	Impact of tourism on the hydrobiology of Periyar lake	01.04.2002 to 01.04.2005	4.6 lakhs	UGC
4.	Prof. James Joseph	Environmental inventory of Kuttanadu and environmental education of the public in Kuttanadu	01.06.2002 to 01.04.2005	2 lakhs	UGC
5.	Dr. Philip John	An in vitro approach for the exploitation of the morphogenetic potential of various explants and the study of protein profile of different cultures of <i>Psophocarpus tetragonolobus</i> (L) and its varieties	22.04.2002 to 22.04.2005	2.09 lakhs	STED Govt. of Kerala

LIST OF TEACHERS

Sl. No	Name	Years of Service
1.	A.H. Sunder Raman, B.A (Hons)	1927 – 1928
2.	K.V. Pandalay B.A, (Hons)	1927 – 1929
3.	R. Anantha Krishnan, M.A	1928 – 1935
4.	Dr. T.S. Raghavan, M.A, Ph.D (London)	1928 – 1929 1962 – 1968
5.	S. Sunder Rama Iyer, B.A	1928 – 1931

6.	M.S. Raghavachari, M.A	1929 – 1955
7.	R. Vaidyanathan, M.A	1931 – 1944
8.	K.C. Chacko, B.A	1933 – 1935
9.	V.S. Mathew, B.A	1933 – 1934
10.	P.C. Mathew, B.Sc (Hons)	1935 – 1970
11.	P.S. Mathew, B.A	1935 – 1936
12.	O.J. Kuruvilla, M.Sc	1936 – 1951 1952 – 1971
13.	R. Soorynarayanan, B.Sc (Hons)	1944 – 1946
14.	K.M. Sebastian, B.Sc (Hons)	1946 – 1949
15.	K. Chandrasekharan Nair, B.Sc	1948 – 1949
16.	C.V. George, B.Sc	1949 – 1951
17.	George Joseph, B.Sc	1949 – 1951
18.	Joseph Zacharia, M.Sc	1949 – 1951 1956 – 1984
19.	O.V. George, B.Sc	1950 – 1951
20.	M.D. Joseph, B.Sc	1950 – 1982
21.	O.M. Mathew, M.Sc	1951 – 1952
22.	D. Mathew, B.Sc	1951 – 1953
23.	Miss. A.T. Annakutty, B.Sc	1951 – 1959
24.	Miss Mary Augustine, M.Sc	1951 – 1953
25.	Miss R. Manoramma, B.Sc	1951 – 1952
26.	Miss Rosamma Mathew, B.Sc	1952 – 1953
27.	Miss Jannet Isaac, B.Sc	1952 – 1954
28.	N.J. Abraham, B.Sc	1953 – 1955
29.	Josy Joseph, B.Sc	1953 – 1954
30.	Miss Rosy Pothen, B.Sc	1954 – 1956
31.	K.V. Mani, MSc	1955 – 1956
32.	T.V. Devasia, M.Sc	1955 – 1957 1959 – 1992
33.	Miss Annamma Jacob, B.Sc	1956 – 1957
34.	Miss Elizabeth Kurian, B.Sc	1957 – 1958
35.	Sr. Regina, B.Sc	1957 – 1958
36.	Antony J. Mukkada, M.Sc	1957 – 1959
37.	R.K. Rangaswamy, M.Sc	1961 – 1963

38.	P.S. Ramakrishnan, M.Sc	1961 – 1962
39.	Thomas James, M.Sc, Ph.D	1962 – 1993
40.	Dr. T.A. Abraham, M.Sc, Ph.D	1963 – 1966
41.	P.J. Job, M.Sc	1966 – 1996
42.	Tomy Pothen, M.Sc	1963 – 1997
43.	Mathews Glory, M.Sc D.Sc	1965 – 1995
44.	K.P. Job, M.Sc	1966 – 1996
45.	Jose Joseph, M.Sc	1966 – 1998
46.	M.T. Scaria, M.Sc	1967 – 1993
47.	K.C. Chacko, M.Sc	1967 – 1971
48.	Fr. Antony Kadavil, M.Sc	1969 – 1994
49.	Joseph Tito, M.Sc	1976 – 2004
50.	Dr. Baby Chacko, M.Sc, Mphil	1976 – 2003
51.	James Joseph, M.Sc, Mphil	1978 –
52.	Antony Joseph, M.Sc, Mphil	1978 –
53.	Dr. V.T. Antony, M.Sc, Ph.D	1991 –
54.	Dr. Philip John, M.Sc, Ph.D	1993 –
55.	Dr. J.G. Ray, M.Sc, Ph.D	1993 –
56.	Sony Scaria, M.Sc, M.Phil, E.Ed	1993 –
57.	Joseph Job, M.Sc, Mphil	1996 –
58.	Dr. Scaria K. Varghese, MSc, Ph.D	1996 –

THE DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY

The history of the Biology Department goes back to the year 1925-26 when Natural Science Groups were introduced for the Intermediate Course. Prof. K.J. Joseph was in charge of this Biology section. In 1927 with the commencement of the degree course the Department proper came into being. Mr. C. John M.A was appointed professor. He passed away on 24th May 1943 after serving the college for 16 years with sincerity and devotion to duty. It was under his initiative that a very fine museum was set up in the Department. St. Berchmans' College Zoology Museum is among the best museums in Kerala exhibiting some of the rarest and most valuable fauna from all parts of the world. After the demise of Mr. C. John. Prof. K.J. Joseph was promoted as Professor.

In 1952 the Department completed 25 years after its establishment. To mark the occasion a Natural Science Exhibition was conducted which was inaugurated by Sri Chithira Thirunal, The Rajapramukh.

In 1961 Prof. M.M. Sebastian succeeded Prof. K.J. Joseph as Head. In 1965 during his tenure as head affiliation was granted for MSc Zoology. He passed away in 1969 while in service. He was an exceptionally brilliant teacher who has had a secure place in the hearts of

students. Following his death Prof. T. Joseph assumed charge a Head. In 1986 during his tenure as Head, the Department was recognized as a Research Centre. So far the Department has produced 8 Ph.D holders. Four members of the Department have been approved as Research Guides. After the retirement of Prof. T. Joseph in 1990. Profs. Joy Joseph, V.C. John, A.V. Thomas, Baby Sebastian, Babukutty Mathew, V.C. Thomas and Thomas T. Valampampil assumed charge as Heads of the Department in turn

The Department has consistently produced good results. The PG students of the department have been placed at the top in most of University examinations. Many of the students have qualified the UGC NET/JRF examinations during the last five years.

Dr. Joe Prasad Mathew, was awarded the prestigious Yuva Sastra Puraskar at the 9th Swadeshi Congress held at Kollam in November 1999, for his work on the effect of Vitamin E on cataract in wister rats.

To cater to the growing demands of the times and considering the job opportunities that would open up the Department introduced U G C sponsored B.Sc Industrial Microbiology and Zoology (Double Main) in 2002 and the self-financing MSc. Biochemistry in 2005.

In order to perpetuate the memory of Prof. M M Sebastian, one of the academic luminaries who formed part of the noble tradition of St. Berchmans College, in 1980 the Department commenced Prof. *M M Sebastian Memorial Lecture*. The inaugural lecture was delivered by D.N. Balakrishnan Nair, Director, Aquatic Biology and Fisheries, Kerala. Other distinguished speakers include Dr. C.T. Samuel, Dean Marine Sciences CUSAT, Kochi; Dr. Muralikrishna, Director, Forensic Science; Dr. Satheesh Chandran Nair, CESS Trivandrum; Smt. Sugathakumari, Poet and Environmentalist ; Mr. Konniyoor. R. Narendranath, KSSP. Dr. Harish Goankar, Entomologist, University of Holland; Dr. K.G. Adiyodi, Vice Chancellor CUSAT, Kochi; Dr. B Ekbal, Professor of Neurosurgery and Dr. Radhakrishna Pillai, Director, Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Biotechnology, Trivandrum.

In January 1979 and January 1995 the Department hosted Refresher Courses for teachers of Zoology. A National Environment Awareness campaign 2005-06 (NEAC) and Seminar cum Workshop on Solid Waste management and Vermicomposting was held on 21st March 2006. The Seminar was sponsored by the Ministry of Environment and Forests and supported by the Centre for Environment and Development (CED) Thiruvananthapuram.

Extension Activities

In 2004 the Department was chosen as a Model Centre and a Consultant Laboratory of the Kerala State Pollution Control Board. With this privilege the Department is actively engaged in creating awareness about pollution and its causes in central Kerala and in helping the public and researchers in pollution studies. The Department also conducts regular outreach programmes for Plus Two students.

The Department has undertaken eco-friendly waste management supported by C P E Grant from the U.G.C. Its aim is to promote organic farming through vermiculture practices.

The Department has signed MOUs with the Peerumade Development Society, Peerumade; Malanadu Development Society, Kanjurappally; Food Crafts Institute, Kalamassery; Central Institute of Fisheries Technology, Kochi, Integrated Fisheries Project, Kochi and Mitraniketan Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Vellanad Thiruvananthapuram for on the job training for industrial Microbiology and Zoology Students.

Projects

The Department has been sanctioned the following Minor Projects by the U G C for 2004-2008.

Project	Investigator	Amount sanctioned
1. Taxonomy Survey of Mites Associated with House Dust of southern Districts of Kerala	Dr. John T. Kocheril	Rs. 50,000/-
2. Study on the Little Cormorant (<i>Phalacrocorax niger</i>) Outbreak in Uper Kuttanad Kerala and its impact on Biodiversity	Dr. K.K. Monichan	Rs. 60,000/-

LIST OF TEACHERS

Sl. No	Name	Years of Service
1.	K.J. Joseph, M.A	1925 – 1961
2.	Thrivikraman Thampi, M.A	1926 – 1927
3.	C.R. Sunder Rajan, M.A	1926 – 1928
4.	C. John, M.A	1927 – 1943
5.	K. Kalakanta Menon, B.A	1928 – 1930
6.	M.A. John, M.A	1929 – 1933 1936 – 1941
7.	K.I. Varghese, B.A	1929 – 1933
8.	T.T. Mathew, B.A	1931 – 1933
9.	T.J. John, M.A	1933 – 1934
10.	K.P. John, B.A	1934 – 1935
11.	K.T. Kurian, M.Sc	1936 – 1939 1942 – 1951
12.	V.J. Mathew, M.Sc	1939 – 1944
13.	N.J. Joseph, B.A	1941 – 1942
14.	M.J. Mathew, M.Sc	1943 – 1945
15.	P.O. George, B.Sc (Hons)	1944 – 1946 1948 – 1953
16.	E.M. Joseph, B.Sc (Hons)	1945 – 1946
17.	K. Parameswaran Pillai, B.Sc	1945 – 1946
18.	K.N. Parameswaran, M.Sc	1946 – 1948
19.	N.M. Antony, B.Sc	1946 – 1947
20.	N. Gopinathan Nair, B.Sc	1946 – 1947
21.	K.J. Joseph, B.Sc	1947 – 1948
22.	Antony George, B.Sc	1947 – 1948
23.	S. Sivaprasad, B.Sc	1947 – 1949
24.	M.J. Paul, B.Sc	1948 – 1949
25.	E.A. Thomas, B.Sc	1949 – 1952
26.	O.V. Joseph, B.Sc	1949 – 1950
27.	Miss C.M. Annamma, B.Sc	7/1950 – 11/1950
28.	Miss Mathew, B.Sc	1950 – 1952
29.	C.V. Joseph, B.Sc	1950 – 1951

30.	K.S. Scaria, B.Sc	1950 – 1954
31.	Miss Molly Joseph, B.Sc	1951 – 1953
32.	John Lukose, B.Sc	1951 – 1952
33.	C.T. Samuel, B.Sc (Hons)	1951 – 1955
34.	S. Raman, B.Sc (Hons)	19852 – 1959
35.	P.T. Thomas, B.Sc	1952 – 1955
36.	Miss. Lilly K. John, B.Sc	1952 – 1953 1957 – 1959
37.	Miss Manorama, B.Sc	1952 – 1953
38.	J.A. Daniel, B.Sc (Hons)	1953 – 1957
39.	Miss Kunjamma Jacob, B.Sc	1953 – 1954
40.	K.E. Chacko, B.Sc	1953 – 1955
41.	Mrs. K.C. Thankamma, B.Sc	1954 – 1955
42.	Mrs. Molly Joseph, B.Sc	1954 – 1956
43.	Mrs. Molly George, B.Sc	1955 – 1956
44.	M.M. Sebastian, M.Sc	1955 – 1979
45.	V.C. John, BSc	1955 – 1957
46.	Alexander Varkey, B.Sc	1955 – 1956
47.	Smt. M. Lillykutty, B.Sc	1957 – 1958
48.	V. Keshava Prabhu, BSc	1957 – 1958
49.	John Philip, B.Sc	1957 – 1958
50.	P.V. Joseph, M.Sc	1957 – 1969
51.	M. George Mathew, B.Sc	1959 – 1960
52.	A. George Joseph, M.Sc	1959 – 1962
53.	Joy Joseph, M.Sc	1958 – 1959 1961 – 1992
54.	A.S. Thomas, M.Sc	1960 – 1961
55.	P.V. George, M.Sc	2/1962 – 3/1962
56.	T. Joseph, M.Sc	1962 – 1990
57.	V.C. John, M.Sc	1962 – 1995
58.	N.M. Joseph, M.Sc	1965- 1993
59.	C.P. Francis, M.Sc	1965 – 1992
60.	Abraham Varghese, M.Sc	1966 – 1967
61.	Varghese Anassery, M.Sc	1966 – 1967

62.	K.V. Joseph, M.Sc	1966 – 1968
63.	M.V. Jose, M.Sc	1967 – 1997
64.	A.V. Thomas, M.Sc	1967 – 1997
65.	Baby Sebastian, M.Sc	1967 – 1999
65.	E.J. Jose, M.Sc	1967 – 1999
66.	Babukutty Mathew, M.Sc, Ph.D	1968 – 2001
67.	K.A. Thomas, M.Sc	1968 – 1999
68.	Dr. V.C. Thomas, M.Sc, Ph.D	1979 – 2003
69.	Thomas T. Valamparampil, M.Sc, Ph.D	1979 –
70.	T.P. Francis, M.Sc	1981 – 1985
71.	George Abraham, M.Sc, M.Phil	1982 – 2001
72.	Santhosh K. Thomas, M.Sc	1982 – 1983
73.	Francis Sunny, M.Sc	1982 – 1983
74.	Jose P. Jacob, M.Sc, Ph.D	1990 –
75.	Dr. Saji Sebastian, M.Sc, Ph.D	1992 –
76.	Dr. Isaac Thomas, M.Sc, Ph.D	1992 –
77.	Dr. Jose D. Kaipally, M.Sc, Ph.D	1992 –
78.	Dr. John T. Kochery, M.Sc, Mphil, Ph.D	1995 –
79.	Joseph Varghese, M.Sc, B.Ed	1996 – 2000
80.	Melvin Das, M.Sc, B.Ed	1996 – 2000
81.	Joemon K.V, M.Sc	2004 –
82.	Dr. Joe Prasad Mathew, M.Sc, Ph.D	2004 –
83.	Monychen K.K., M.Sc, Ph.D, B.Ed	2004 –
84.	Philip Litto Thomas, M.Sc P G D B	2005 –

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

The Department of Economics is as old as the College itself, as the College began functioning with Group III of the Intermediate Course. Prof. P.R. Krishna Iyer was the founder member of the Department. Rev. Fr. Mathew Purackal, the first Principal was a member of the Department. The Department became full-fledged with the introduction of BA Economics in 1934. Under the initiative of Prof. Krishna Iyer and because of his reputation St. Berchmans' became the first college to get affiliation for MA Economics in 1957. He provided dynamic leadership to the Department until 1969, the year of his retirement. He was a man of great erudition, a fantastic teacher and a gifted actor. Prof. O.C. Varghese joined the Department in 1930 when the College was upgraded. He was a prominent citizen of Changanacherry who also played an active role in civic life and donned the mantle of the Municipal Chairman. Prof. L M Pylee joined the Department in 1934 and was in service till 1946 when he left for St. Albert's college Ernakulam. He too was a great scholar and actor. He became a member of the Legislative Assembly after his retirement. Prof. K.J. Cyriac, another colleague of Prof. P.R. Krishna Iyer who joined the Department in 1934 was a brilliant teacher. He left St. Berchmans' to join S.H. College Thevara. Rev. Fr. Romeo Thomas and Rev Fr. Thomas William the second and third Principals of the College respectively and Rev. Dr. N.A. Thomas, who was the Vice Principal of the College from 1956 to 1961 were also notable presences in the Department during his tenure. They contributed so much to the growth of the College. The members who joined the Department during his tenure included Prof. C Z Scaria, Prof. D Varghese, Prof. T.V. Abraham, Prof. K.M Kurian, Rev. Dr. Antony Kurialacherry, Prof. K.K. Francis, Prof. Thomas K.J. Kanyamplackal, Prof. T.V. Varkey, Rev. Fr. Joseph Powathil (who later became Arch Bishop and Patron of the College) Prof. George Joseph, Prof. C.O. Abraham, Prof. Joy Kurian and Prof. P.I. Joseph.

Prof. C Z Scaria who joined the Department in 1949 became the Head of the Department in 1969 following the retirement of Prof. P.R. Krishna Iyer. Under his very able guidance the Department attained new heights. He was a distinguished scholar, an inspiring teacher and an eloquent speaker, all rolled into one. Logical thinking and powerful and lucid presentation was his forte. As President of the AKPCTA and PCTA he brought private college teachers under the umbrella of a powerful organisation and earned for them security of service. It was solely because of his leadership that the Private College teachers were given payment directly by the government and all of us should be beholden to him. In 1987 Prof. T.V Abraham became Head of the Department. Besides being a gifted teacher, he involved himself in all the activities of the college. He retired in 1988. Prof. Thomas K.J. Kanayamplackal and Prof. C.O Abraham (both retired in 1990) distinguished themselves as scholars and teachers.

In 1989 Prof. K.K. Francis took charge as Head of the Department. He passed away in 1991 while in service. He shone as a brilliant teacher, an able organizer and a gifted actor. He gave life to many-a-Shakespearean character.

After the untimely demise of Prof. K.K. Francis, Prof. George Joseph and Prof. Joy Kurian presided over the Department in turn. In 2001 Prof. Joy Kurian retired and Prof. M.S. James assumed charge as Head.

As a token of the Department's gratitude to Prof. C.Z. Scaria, *Prof. C.Z. Scaria Shashtabdaya Poorthy Memorial Lecture* was instituted in 1998. After his demise in March 2000 the Lecture was renamed as *Prof. C.Z. Scaria Memorial Lecture*. The first Lecture was delivered by the renowned economist Dr. I.S. Gulati. Other speakers include men of such eminence as

T.N. Jayachandran IAS, Sri K.M. Mani, ex-minister, Dr. Babu Paul IAS and Mar Joseph Powathil.

In 1992 the Department instituted *Prof. K.K. Francis Memorial Lecture* to honour the memory of Prof. K.K. Francis. The inaugural Lecture was delivered by Dr. Ramachandran Nair. Other distinguished speakers include Sri P.J. Joseph ex-minister, Prof. C.Z. Scaria, Dr. C.R. Soman, Dr. C.V. Ananda Bose and Justice K.T. Thomas.

The Department organized (1) a National Seminar on *India's Trade Policy Reforms and Kerala Economy* from 25-27 March 1999. (The Seminar was sponsored by the U.G.C) (2) a National Seminar on Globalisation and Higher Education in India on 2nd and 3rd March 2001, sponsored by the Human Resource Ministry, New Delhi; (3) a National Seminar on Sustainable Development on 23rd and 24th September 2004, sponsored by the U.G.C. In 2000-03 the Department collaborated with IVO, Development Research Institute Netherlands in undertaking a joint study on the *Role of Grassroots NGOS in Stimulating Income Generation Among Vulnerable Groups in Kerala*.

The Department celebrated the Golden Jubilee of the commencement of the Postgraduate Programme of the Department on 12th October 2006. Sri Jairam Ramesh, Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Commerce was the Guest of Honour on the occasion. At 10 a.m. he delivered the first Lecture in the Series: Economic Reforms and Kerala's Development. The meeting was presided over by Sri Oommen Chandy, Hon'ble Leader of Opposition. The Patron, His Grace Mar Joseph Powathil, Sri Suresh Kurup MP, Prof. J Philip, President XIME, Bangalore and Adv. Shri. P. Raveendranath, Municipal Chairman offered felicitations. The second Lecture in the series was delivered by Shri Ashok .V. Desai, the renowned economist at 2 p.m. on the same day.

The Department has formed its own alumni Association which meets annually. The Alumni join together to relive the golden moments, the halcyon days of their youth.

A survey and study of the developmental issues of the marginalized sections of the local people, especially the women of Kuttanad was taken up by the Department in collaboration with Tilburg University, Netherlands and CUSAT.

The Department of Economics and Commerce jointly organized a one day seminar on Value Added Tax on 1 September 2005. Dr. N. Ramalingam, Senior Faculty, Centre for Taxation Studies was the chief resource person. Teachers, students, tax practitioners and businessmen attended the seminar.

LIST OF TEACHERS

Economics & History

Sl. No	Name	Years of Service
1.	P.R. Krishna iyer, M.A (Hons)	1922 – 1969
2.	Rev. Fr. Mathew Purackal, MA (Hons)	1922 – 1935
3.	Rev. Fr. Dominic Thottacherry, M A	1922 – 1933
4.	A.V. Akhileswara Iyer, B.A (Hon)	1923 – 1928
5.	Rev. Fr. K.C. Chandy, B.A	1929 – 1929
6.	O.C. Varghese, M.A, L T	1930 – 1954
7.	L.M. Pylee, M.A, B.L	1934 – 1946
8.	K.J. Cyriac BA (Hons) B.L	1934 – 1944
9.	Rev. Fr. Romeo Thomas (Principal) M.A, L.T.	1936 – 1944
10.	Rev. Fr. P.C. Mathew (Principal) M.A	1942 – 1961
11.	N.C. Jacob, B.A (Hons)	1946 – 1947
12.	C. John, B.A (Hons)	1946 – 1947
13.	Joakim Panjikkaran, M.A	1947 – 1949
14.	K.S. Antony, B.A (Hons)	1947 – 1950
.15.	Rev. Fr. N.A. Thomas, M.A	1948 – 1953 1956 – 1961
16.	C.Z. Scaria, B.A (Hons)	1949 – 1987
17.	D. Varghese, B.A (Hons)	1950 – 1969
18.	T.V. Abraham, B.A (Hons)	1950 – 1988
19.	K.M. Kurien, M.A	1951 – 1954 1956 – 1988
20.	Miss Thresiamma K. Joseph, B.A (Hons)	1952 – 1953
21.	Miss Mary Jacob, M.A	1953 – 1959
22.	K.C. Devasia, B.A (Hons)	1953 – 1956

23.	P.C. James, B.A (Hons)	1953 – 1954
24.	Rev. Fr. Antony Kurialacherry, M.A, M.Ed, D.Ed	1952 – 1954 1970 – 1977
25.	Joseph George, M.A	1954 – 1961
26.	Mrs. N.V. Rose, M.A	1954 – 1959
27.	E.S. Joseph, B.A (Hons)	1954 – 1956
28.	Sr. Mary Xavier, B.A (Hons)	1954 – 1955
29.	J. Joseph, B.A, (Hons)	1955 – 1961
30.	K.K. Francis, M.A	1957 – 1991
31.	Thomas K.J. Kanayamplackal, M.A	1961 – 1990
32.	T.V. Varkey, M.A, L.L.B	1962 – 1990
33.	Rev. Fr. Josphe Powathil, M.A	1963 – 1972
34.	George Joseph, M.A	1963 – 1994
35.	Ganesh Shenoy, M.A	1964 – 1966
36.	C.O. Abraham, M.A	1965 – 1990
37.	Joy Kurian, M.A	1967 – 2001
38.	P.I. Joseph, M.A	1967 – 1998
39.	Joseph Thomas, M.A	1969 – 1987
40.	Paul Joseph, M.A	1969 – 1970
41.	Rev. Fr. James Parappally, M.A, M.Ed	1972 – 1990
42.	M.S. James, M.A. Mphil, Ph.D	1980 –
43.	Joseph Thomas, Kanayamplackal, M.A	1982 – 1986
44.	Jose K. Joseph, M.A, LLB, Ph.D	1986 –
45.	Thomas T.K, M.A	1987 –
46.	Rev. Fr. Tom Kunnumpuram, M.A., M.Phil	1988 – 2007
47.	Unnikrishnan L, M.Sc (Hons) M.Phil	1988 –
48.	Jose Mathew, M.A, Mphil, Ph.D	1988 –
49.	Joseph Kurian, M.A	1989 –
50.	Rev. Fr. Joseph Sebastian Thekkedom, M B A, M.A, M	1991 –

	Ed, M.Phil, Ph.D	
51.	Rev. Fr. Tomy Joseph, M.A	1991 –
52.	M.P. Philip, M.A, Mphil	1993 –
53.	Mathew J. Mattom, M.A, M.Phil	1994 –
54.	Renji Mathew, M.A	1994 –

Sociology

Sl. No	Name	Years of Service
1.	Rev. Fr. Mathew Pulickaparampil, M.A	1967 – 1985
2.	Jacob Mathew, M.A, Ph.D	1985 –

Latin & Logic

Sl. No	Name	Years of Service
1.	Rev. Fr. James Kalacherry, Ph.D, DD	1922 – 1927
2.	Rev. Fr. Zacharias Vachaparampil, Ph.D	1924 – 1930
3.	Rev. Fr. Abraham Vadakkal, B.A, Ph.D	1928 – 1935
4.	Rev. Fr. A.C. Eapen, B.A, Ph.D.	1930 – 1944

THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

The Commerce Section came into being in 1962 with the commencement of Pre University Commerce. Mr. C.K. Jose was the first member of the Department. He left after one year. At first Commerce was part of the Economics Department. Mr. K.J. Joseph joined the Department in 1964 and M/s Sebastian George, M.J.M Felix and K.H. Ganesh Shenoy in 1965. In 1963 when affiliation was granted for B.Com the Department became an independent one. Prof. Felix left in 1968 and Prof. Shenoy in 1969. Professor Sebastian George who was the Head of the Department met his end in an accident in Nigeria on 19th May 1984. After his demise Prof. K.J. Joseph became Head of the Department. He retired in 1995. After him Prof. K.J. Abraham, Joseph Abraham and Stephen Mathews served as Heads of Departments in turn. In 2002 when Prof. Stephen Mathews was appointed Vice Principal he was relieved from the post of the Head of the Department. Prof. P.C. Jose took his place as Head.

A second batch of Pre-Degree Commerce was introduced in 1977. With the commencement of M.Com in 1981 the Department became fully fledged.

The Department organizes a number of co-curricular activities. Commerce Causerie, an Inter-collegiate Commerce Festival has been organized every year since 1996. The Programme includes business quiz, competition in best manager, advertisement presentation, mock press etc. Commerce students from various colleges in India participate in these competitions. An academic extension programme was introduced in 2006 aimed at giving training to members of Kudumbasrees to prepare their accounts.

A National Seminar on Commerce Education in the New Millennium was conducted in October 1999 in association with the Institute of Chartered Accounts of India and the M.G. University. Eminent persons with expertise in their respective fields took classes. A National Seminar on *Financial Services: Past, Present and Future* sponsored by the UGC was organized in August 2005.

Two Minor Research Projects for two years (2005-7) funded by the U.G.C have been undertaken by the Department. They are: (1) Corporate Governance in Public Sector Banks with a U.G.C allotment of Rs. 57000/-. The Investigators are Dr. Jacob Thomas and Mr. Job Joseph (2) *A Study on the Effectiveness of Customer Relationship Management in Rural Branches of Commercial Banks in Kerala* with a U.G.C allotment of Rs 70000/-. Mr. Antony Joseph K is the Investigator.

The Department has been conducting CA Foundation Course from 1991 – 92 onwards. Free tax consultancy service has been provided by the Department.

An add-on course in Marketing Research has been conducted by the Department for the students of the College from 1996. The Faculty of Commerce assisted the MBA Department (which had not become fully fledged) by engaging classes for MBA students in the initial years of the course.

In 2002, Stephen Mathews, the seniormost member of the Faculty was appointed Vice Principal. In 2004 he was made the Director of the Berchmans' Institute of Management. Dr. Jacob Thomas of the Faculty was recognised as the official guide for M.Phil of the Alagappa University and Madurai Kamaraj University.

LIST OF TEACHERS

Sl. No	Name	Years of Service
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1.	C.K. Jose, M.Com	1963 – 1964
2.	K.J. Joseph, M.Com	1964 – 1995
3.	Sebastian George, M.Com	1965 – 1984
4.	M.J.M. Felix, M.Com	1965 – 1968
5.	K.H. Ganesh Shenoy, M.Com	1965 – 1969
6.	K.J. Baby, M.Com	1968 – 1995
7.	K.J. Abraham, M.Com	1968 – 1999
8.	T.C. Kuriakose, M.Com	1968 – 1969
9.	Joseph Abraham, M.Com	1970 – 2001
10.	Stephen Mathews, M.Com, MPhil, Ph.D	1977 –
11.	P.C. Jose, M.Com, M.Phil	1978 –
12.	Joseph Kuncheria, M.Com	1978 – 2004
13.	Jose Joseph A, M.Com	1980 – 1981
14.	Thomas Antony, M.Com	1981 –
15.	M.C. Baby, M.Com, AICWA, M B A	1982 –
16.	Jacob Thomas (Sr), M.Com, MPhil, Ph.D	1982 –
17.	Jameskutty Ninan , M.Com	1982 –
18.	Sunny Zacharia, M.Com	1982 – 1983
19.	Jacob Thomas (Jr) , M.Com	1983 –
20.	Job Joseph, M.Com, M.Phil	1983 –
21.	V.J. Thomas, M.Com	1983 – 1985
22.	C.K. John, M.Com	1983 – 1985
23.	James Devasia, M.Com, MA (Soc), MA (Eco), MPhil, DBIS, Ph.D	1984 –
24.	Antony Mathew, M.Com, B.Ed	1995 – 1998
25.	Philip A.P, M.Com	1995 – 1997
26.	Antony Joseph K, M.Com, MPhil	1996 –

THE DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT STUDIES

The Berchmans' Institute of Management Studies was established in January 1996 at the initiative of Rev. Dr. George Madathiparampil, the then Principal. The Institute offers a two year full time Master of Business Administration Programme (MBA). The course is affiliated to the Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam and is recognized by the AICTE, Delhi. The Department aims at training and developing skilled managers, researchers and entrepreneurs.

The Department began functioning with only two members. Mr. K.J. Vincent (Coordinator) and Mr. Monoo Mathew John (HOD) Mr. Siby Zacharias joined the Department in 1997-98. Dr. M.J Varghese, F I E M I I, Chennai served as Director for the period 2000 – 2003. Prof. T.J. Abraham took over from him in 2003. In 2004 Dr. Stephen Mathews of the Commerce Department took charge as Director. Besides Mr Siby Zacharias, the Faculty comprises of M/S Mathew Joseph, Joffie Thomas, Sony Joseph, Siby Joseph, Joychan Manual and Baby Michael.

The Department has a well-equipped computer Lab with more than 60 Computer terminales and a department Library with 2289 titles, 30 Journals and 30 Periodicals. Lecture rooms are equipped with modern facilities like Laptops, LCD Projectors and OHPs.

The Department selects and awards the best entrepreneurs in the state of Kerala annually. A Faculty Interface was organized on 6th November 2004. A National Seminar on *Entrepreneurship, Emerging Trends and Challenges* was organized in 2005.

The Department has conceived and organized an Annual Management Meet named BERCHANOVA in which Management Institutes from all over India participate. The programme was started in 1996. The programmes to date are given below.

BERCHMANS INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT STUDIES
St. Berchmans College, Changanacherry
BERCHNOVA

Sl. No.	Date	Venue
1.	December 1996	S.B. College, Changanacherry
2.	December 1997	Mammen Mappillai Hall, Kottayam
3.	January 1998	”
4.	January 2000	”
5.	February 8, 2001	”
6.	February 22, 2002	”
7.	February 7, 2003	”
8.	February 21, 2004	”
9.	January 14, 2005	Indraprastham Auditorium, Kottayam
10.	January 7, 2006	S.B College, Changanacherry
11.	November 17 th & 18 th , 2006	S.B. College, Changanacherry

LIST OF TEACHERS

Sl. No	Name	Years of Service
1.	Monoo Mathew John, M.A, M B A	1996 – 1999
2.	Siby Zacharias, M.Sc, MBA, FDP	1997 –
3.	Mathew Joseph, B.Tech, MBA	1998 –
4.	Joffi Thomas, BE, MBA	1998 –
5.	Soney Joseph, M.Com, MBA	1999 –
6.	Siby Joseph K. M.Com, MBA	1999 –
7.	Joychen Emmanuel, M.Com, MBA	1999 –
8.	Babu Michael, MBA, LLB	2001 –

THE DEPARTMENT OF LIBRARY SCIENCE

The College was granted affiliation for the Degree Course in Library and Information Science in (B.L.I.Sc) 2002. The Course was inaugurated by Very Rev. Fr. Jos. P. Kottaram, the Manager, Rev. Fr Jose Viruppel, the Librarian was appointed as Director of the Department. In 2004 the Department was given PG status as it was granted affiliation for Master of Library and Information Science (M.L.I.Sc).

Teaching Staff

1. Rev. Fr. Jose Viruppel (Director) M.A, M.L.I.Sc, M.Phil, NET
2. Ms Rajesree R. M.L.I.Sc, PGDLAN
3. Mr. Moni D, M.L.I.Sc.
4. Miss Aila V. Nair, M.L.I.Sc
5. Miss Anupama T.S, M.L.I.Sc, NET

THE DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION

The Department proper came into being in 1927-28 when the College was raised to the level of First Grade. Mr. K.V. Thomas, (who was simultaneously a member of the English Department) was appointed Special Officer with the designation of Physical Instructor. His duty was to attend to the physical exercise and gymnastics of the students. Necessary facilities for football, volleyball, tennis, badminton and hockey were provided. Subsequently two basket ball courts facing the Science Block were built

On 7th February 1941 the New Football Ground was formally opened by Mr. C.V. Chandra Sekharan, Vice Chancellor of the Travancore University. That year the College won the University rolling cup in Football and Volleyball.

In 1942-43 Prof. D. Varghese, who was a member of the Economics Department was given also the charge of Additional Physical Director as he had a Diploma in Physical Education. Hockey and Football Grounds were extended. Sri. K.V. Thomas Pottankulam, a planter from Kanjirappally donated Rs 3000/- for the extension of the Ground. In recognition of this noble gesture the ground has since been called Thomas Pottankulam Grounds (present Football Ground) Later Hockey was shifted to the present venue : the ground in front of Archbishop Kavukatt Hall.

The College has consistently won laurels in Inter-collegiate competitions. Our Hockey, Football, Basketball and Athletic Team have won several Championships and brought many-trophy to the College. 1963 was a memorable year as the College Basketball Team became victorious in all the tournaments in Kerala. Flaunting all the trophies the team was taken around the town in a decorated jeep receiving accolades from all around. It was a historic moment in the history of the College.

In 1965-66 Mr. P.J. Thomas joined the Department. He passed away in 1991 while in service. In 1970-71 Prof. D. Varghese left the College to take charge as the Principal of St. Dominic's College Kanjirappally. Mr. Joseph Athikkalam joined the Department in 1975-76 and retired in 2002. At present there are two members on the staff : Mr. Moby Thomas and Mr. Soji Joseph.

As a tribute to the memory of Rev. Fr. P.C. Mathew, former Principal, in 1969 the College started Rev. Fr. P.C. Mathew Memorial Intercollegiate Basketball Tournament. It is a major event in which participation by all the leading college teams in Kerala is ensured.

To preserve the memory of Rev. Monsignor Francis Kalacherry, former Principal in 1992 the College commenced Rev. Msgr Francis Kalacherry Memorial Intercollegiate Football Tournament which is held annually. All the major college teams in Kerala regularly participate in the event.

LIST OF TEACHERS

Sl. No	Name	Years of Service
1.	Mr. K.V. Thomas B.A	1927 – 1943
2.	Prof. D. Varghese M.A	1942 – 1970
3.	Sri. P.J. Thomas, B.Sc, D.P.Ed	1965 – 1991
4.	Sri T. Gangadharan, B.P.Ed	1983 – 1984
5.	Sri Joseph Athikkalam B.Sc, M.P.Ed	1975 – 2002
6.	Sri Moby Thomas M.P.Ed, M.Phil	1997 –

7.	Sri Soji Joseph, B.A, M.P.Ed	2004 –
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DEPARTMENT OF RELIGION AND MORAL INSTRUCTION

Value education has been a subject very dear to St. Berchmans'. The College has consistently tried to instil in the students noble qualities like faith in God, respect for life and love for fellow beings. With a view to achieving this, in 1927 the College introduced regular classes (one hour every week for Religion for catholic students and for Moral Instruction for non catholic students. The students are made to imbibe the message 'Caritas vera nobilitas' (Charity is true nobility) which is the motto of the College. Of late a department has been formed exclusively for Religious and Moral instructions. Annual retreat for teachers and students is conducted without fail.

CAREER ORIENTATION CENTRE

A glowing example of the farsightedness and commitment of St. Berchmans College in the field of higher education, the Career Orientation Centre had its inception in 1992. The primary objective of enlightening the student community about the scope of higher education and the employment opportunities that open up from time to time, later widened to incorporate a variety of coaching programmes. The IACHE and Students' Service Department of M.G. University have extended assistance throughout its development.

The objectives of the Centre are (1) to collect and disseminate information on courses, higher studies and employment opportunities in India and abroad. (2) to collect and disseminate information on scholarships, fellowships and financial assistance available in India and abroad (3) to render vocational guidance to students individually and in groups and (4) to impart orientation and guidance for preparing for competitive examinations conducted by UPSC, state PSC, BSRB, Staff Selection Commission, UGC/CSIR and other institutions. It also conducts courses in computer software, computer hardware and Business Management.

At the time of its establishment it was housed on the ground floor of the library building. Rev. Fr. Thomas Mattappally, the Librarian was appointed Director of the Career Orientation Centre. It was shifted from the Library to the Research Centre and thereafter to the cellar floor of the Management Block in order to facilitate its functioning with the help of sufficient infrastructural facilities.

In 2001 with the advent of the Off Campus Courses various courses were started under the auspices of the Career Orientation Centre. They included B.B.A, B.C.A, M.C.A, M.Sc. I T and B.Com with Computer. The Southern Block of Newman Hostel was chosen as the venue for conducting the classes. A well-equipped computer laboratory was set up in 2001.

THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

The Department of Human Resource Development (HRD) was established in 2003 at the initiative of Rev. Fr. Tom Kunnumpuram, the Principal. It aims at the development of a creative, competent and capable learning community through innovative practices. The students are moulded through the acquisition of various skills in order to enable them to meet the challenges in life and to align learning with market needs. They are made to sharpen their aptitudes and capabilities and guided to compete in a professional manner in the job market.

The modules offered are Public Speaking, Leadership Skills, Management Skills, Decision Making, Etiquette, Communicative English, Preparation of Curriculum Vitae, Interview Techniques, Group Discussion, Positive Attitude, Guidance and Counselling, Win Win Approach, Team Work, Self Awareness, Motivation, Emotional Intelligence, Learning Techniques and Time Management. The students are trained through lecture methods, role plays, practical exercises and games, group discussions and team presentations. The HRD Resource Team which is in charge of the programme comprises the members of the faculty of the College and subject experts from outside.

A value based education combined with a holistic development of the personality is the special mission of the Department.

The HRD Department of the College in association with the Council of Principals and the Kerala Higher Education Forum organized a Conference cum Workshop on “*Autonomy in Higher Education*” on 29 October 2005. Dr. Jancy James, Vice Chancellor, M.G. University inaugurated the Conference. 110 delegates including Principals, teachers, representatives of the parents and the alumni and student representatives from various colleges in the state attended the seminar. It focussed on the various aspects of autonomy.

IT @ S.B. COLLEGE

In 1999 Campus Wide networking was installed.

All departments of the College maintain computing support units to serve the specific needs of their students and the Faculty. Centre for Training and Development was established in 2003 for giving training and orientation to the faculty. Courses include word processing, power point presentations, database design and management, web page development, graphic programmes, desktop publishing etc.

CTD in collaboration with the Career Orientation Centre of the College commenced a training programme for students in 2004. These programmes include Linux and Windows fundamentals, Java Web Server Programming and Web Page Development. A number of job oriented courses are designed by C T D in collaboration with the C O C of the College and Keltron to meet the growing demands of computer professionals in India and abroad. C T D acts also as a placement cell and provides guidance and campus recruitment training.

The Department also offers facilities for Multimedia Classrooms, Language Labs, Interactive distance learning and Video Conferencing.

E-learning and online Digital Library Solutions are also made possible through the facilities provided in the college. S B C Digital Library provides access to a growing collection of online academic resources for the college community. Resources include distance learning courses and innovative projects in academic environment. In 2007 the library got the permission to access INFLIBNET .journals online.

ST. BERCHMANS' COLLEGE STAFF ASSOCIATION

The Staff Association of St. Berchmans' College lends support to the Principal in all the activities of the College. It meets at least three times a year. It provides an open forum to the teachers to air their views on diverse issues connected with the functioning of the College. The Association has played a crucial role in times of emergency. The Governing Body consists of a President, A Secretary and an Executive. The President and the Secretary are ex-officio members of the Staff Council.

St. Berchmans' College Co-operative Society

St. Berchmans' College Co-operative Society was started in 1971 with the intention of providing financial support to the staff, both teaching and nonteaching. The society conducts chit funds, accepts deposits and makes loans available to the members on soft terms. The Governing Body consists of a President and a Secretary (both from among the teaching staff) elected from the Director Board. The Director Board consists of members from the teaching and the nonteaching staff. The Society is indeed a boon to the members of the staff.

CHAPTER VII

HOSTELS

At the time of its establishment St. Berchmans' College was the only seat of higher education between Kottayam and Trivandrum in the former state of Travancore. As a result students from outside Changanacherry always exceeded day scholars in number. Providing hostel accommodation to all of them was indeed a difficult proposition.

In 1922 when the College was started students were to put up in different rooms at Parel itself. It was found to be very much inconvenient and hence during the second term they were shifted to the Bishop's Palace. It was only a makeshift arrangement. During the second year the students were accommodated in two hostels, one for Hindus and the other for Christians. Rev. Fr. James Kalacherry, lecturer in Logic was given the charge of the Hindu hostel and Rev. Fr. Zacharias Vachaparampil, Additional lecturer in Logic, of the Christian Hostel. This again was tentative arrangement. This arrangement probably went on for two years. In 1925 when the College was shifted to Vedikunnu the second floor of the Arts Building (present Kurialacherry Block) was made to serve the purpose of a hostel. Rooms where classes were conducted at daytime were converted into hostel rooms at night. Rev. Fr. Sebastian Mattom and Rev. Fr. Mathew Mannoorampampil were the warden and the co-warden. There was only one staircase on the western side which naturally created a lot of inconvenience. After one term, finding this arrangement not quite viable, the students were taken to Parel once again. The residence was given the name *Parel Boarding House*. The students had to read by candle light and kerosene lamp as there was no electricity. There were altogether 46 boys. Each was given a small table and a shelf with two racks and a small stool for sitting, in the study hall which was on the second floor. They had to sleep on the verandah outside at night. Meals were served in the rooms in the evening and at noon on holidays. On working days meal was served in the College at Vedikunnu. The inmates were charged a monthly fee of Rs. 8/-.

In 1927-28 each boy was given a separate room on the verandah for sleeping. The rooms were divided with screens. Of course there was no luxury of a lock and key for the rooms.

When the College became First Grade, Sri Ismail Kunju erected a building at Allappara which functioned as the Junior branch of the Parel hostel in which Hindus also were admitted. It was named *St. Thomas Hostel*. Three more hostels were started (1) Caste Hindu (2) Ezhava and Cosmopolitan – altogether 150 students dwelt in hostels as against 98 day scholars.

In 1929-30 There were only three hostels: 1) Christian hostel, Parel, Saraswathy Vilasam Hostel (Hindu) and Students' Hostel Vazhappally. In 1930-31 S.H. Hostel was started in a new building at Vedikunnu, where the Middle School Section of St. Berchmans' High School had been functioning. In 1924 honouring the request of the people of Vazhappally the Middle School Section had been transferred to this building. In 1930 this section was shifted back to the school and the building was converted into a hostel. Rev. Fr. Abraham Vadakkal was the warden. A wing of the S H Hostel was started in a builidnhg on the western side of St. Thomas More House. It was given the name Little Flower hostel. The hostel was meant only for Catholics. There was a small house near St. Thomas Hostel owned by Mr. Varkey S/o Mr. S.P. Mathew where Brahmins students resided. In 1930-31 a thatched house in the compound was purchased from Mr. Mathew another son of Mr. S.P. Mathew. It was intended for poor students who could not afford the regular hostels. They needed to pay only very low rent. It was given the name St. Ephraims Hostel.

During 1937-40 the following temporary hostels were functioning:-

(1) St. Mary's Hostel, Parel

1937-38, Warden, Rev. Fr. Sebastian Kuzhimattom

1938-39 Rev. Fr. Joseph Pariyaram

1939-40 Prof. P.C. Mathew

(2) Palace Hostel

1937 – 38 Warden Prof. P R D Sarma

38 – 39 ”

It was housed in a rented building one mile away from the college

(3) Sacred Heart Hostel

1938-39 Warden Rev. Fr. L.J. Chittoor

39-40 ”

(4) St. Berchmans' Hostel

1938-39 – Warden Rev. Fr. Joseph Hadrian

(5) St. Thomas Hostel

Rented building one mile away from the College (at Allappera). In 1939 it was brought under the direct control of the College.

Some other hostels in which students resided till 1939 were Sreekrishna Vilasam Hostel, Brahmin Hostel and Minerva Hostel. Some students were sent to St. Berchmans' High School Boarding House. Quite a few had to put up at approved lodges.

St. Josephs' Hostel & St. Thomas Hostel

But these hostels could accommodate only a limited number of students. With more courses being sanctioned, resulting in considerable increase in the number of students, there was a pressing need for fairly large houses of accommodation. Hence in 1939 a plan and estimate for two hostels to be named *St. Joseph's hostel* and *St. Thomas Hostel* were submitted to the University for approval. The plan was approved by the University without delay. In 1941 the construction of the buildings was completed and the hostels began functioning. Both were three storeyed structures. *St. Joseph's Hostel* had 48 rooms (double bedded) including the Warden's room and a reading room. *St Thomas Hostel* had 51 rooms. (double bedded). The cost of construction for the former was Rs. 14850/- and for the latter Rs 16953/- .Dining hall, kitchen, store room, bath rooms etc cost Rs 6501/-. The house in the compound acquired by the College from Mr. Varkey S/o Mr S.P. Mathew was, after various improvements converted into *Britto*

House, equipped with necessary furniture and electric lights. It was made a branch of St. Thomas Hostel and was intended mainly for Brahmin students. The cost of improvements was Rs. 320/- *St. Ephraim's Hostel* was improved considerably and made fit for accommodating students. It was intended for poor students and was made part of St. Joseph's Hostel. The improvements cost Rs 230/- Besides, making roads, retaining walls, compound walls, levelling of the premises, providing steps, electrification of the hostel buildings and branches etc cost Rs. 4420/-. The total cost of all these amounted to Rs 44948/-.

Despite all these, accommodation for all students remained a problem. In 1944-45 students were given permission to stay in the *N.S.S. Hostel* at Perunnai and *St. Berchmans' Hostel* attached to St. Berchmans High School. In addition to all these the second floor of the Arts Building was converted into a hostel with the name *St. Berchmans' Hostel*.

Newman Hostel

In 1945 the construction of the Newman Hostel began. It was completed in a very short span of one year. The total cost of the building was Rs. 28500. In 1948-49 a dining hall and kitchen was added to the hostel at a cost of Rs 18000/-. In 1953 a storey was added to the northern block of the hostel which cost Rs. 20000/-.

Staff Lodge

The staff Lodge located in the Botanical Gardens is the oldest residential building for the staff. In 1945 the College bought a building owned by the Marattukalam family. It was demolished and in its place a single storeyed building with 13 rooms was built. A kitchen was added later. The old building had been used first as a recognized lodge and then as the residence of Principals Rev. Fr. Romeo Thomas, Rev. Fr. Thomas William and Carmelite Seminarians. It had been called *Assissi Bhavan*. The first inmates of the lodge included M/s C.S. Kurian, P.C. Joseph and P.V. Ulahannan.

Sahrudaya Hostel

Problems of accommodation continued to dog the institution. In 1963 as a solution a large sized hostel was conceived of. A plan and estimate of Rs 3 lakhs was drawn up. Thus Sahrudaya Hostel, the latest addition to the hostels came into being. It was built at a cost of Rs. 2.8 lakhs. The U.G.C. provided Rs 82500/- as grant. It was formally inaugurated by R. Sankar, Chief Minister of Kerala in 1963-64. The hostel can accommodate 220 persons. Later one half of the hostel was converted into a new hostel with the name - *St. Berchmans' Hostel*.

Jubilee Staff Hostel

In 1973 the three storeyed Jubilee Staff Hostel was built with U.G.C assistance. It offers residential facilities for the staff.

St. Thomas More House

In 1940 a house which belonged to one Mr. T.T. Varghese, (North of the present college Post Office) was bought by the College to provide accommodation to teachers. It was given the name *St. Thomas More House*. Prof. A.P. O'brean was the first to reside there. Then it became the permanent residence of Prof. C.A. Sheppard. The presence of Prof. Sheppard, for whom

English language and literature was his first love, made St. Thomas More House a centre of intense literary activity. All who loved English Literature (besides his own colleagues) assembled there in the evenings and engaged in animated discussions on books of infinite value. Memories of a glorious past still linger there. After Professor Sheppard's departure in 1962 the house was occupied by Prof. V.J. Augustine, and other teachers.

CHAPTER VIII

OFFICE

In 1922 when the College was started the office was housed in the Parel Buildings. Sebastian Manamel (M.M. Sebastian) was appointed clerk and Kochavutha Kunnath Dafedar. Sebastian Manamel left after one year. A.I. Issac who joined service in 1922 was the first to become Head Clerk. In 1925 when the College was shifted to Vedikunnu the office was housed in the southern room on the ground floor in the eastern wing of the Arts Building, adjacent to the Principal's office (southernmost room). Mr. O.P Joseph joined service in 1923 and left in 1934. The Science Block was built under his supervision. In 1965 when the Biology Block was completed the office was transferred to the present spacious room. At present the office has a separate store room, an examination office and a dining room. It has been computerised and made techno –friendly.

Office Staff

Sl. No	Name	Years of Service
1.	M.M. Sebastian	1922 – 1923
2.	A.I. Issac	1922 – 1952
3.	O.P. Joseph	1923 – 1934
4.	P.I. Chanda Pillai	1923 – 1925
5.	K.C. Zacharia	1927 – 1929
6.	C.K. Paramu Pillai (Drill Master)	1928 – 1929
7.	T.J. Pothen	1928 – 1932
8.	C.K. Krishna Iyer	1930 – 1933
9.	T.J. Chacko	1931 – 1932
10.	C.A. Sebastian	1932 – 1964
11.	P.J. George	1932 – 1939
12.	Joseph Pallippurathussery	1933 – 1969
13.	J. Joseph	1937 – 1940
14.	T.K. Varghese	1940 – 1946
15.	M.P. Joseph	1945 – 1982
16.	K.A. Augustine	1945 – 1947

17.	Jacob C. Thomas	1947 – 1980
18.	M.V. Chacko	1954 – 1982
19.	K.K. Kurian	1954 – 1986
20.	C.P. Joseph	1964 – 1996
21.	S. Krishnaswamy Iyer	1964 – 1968
22.	K.M. Joseph	1966 – 1968
23.	T.J. Thomas	1966 – 1991
24.	P.J. Joseph	1966 – 1996
25.	Thomas James	1966 – 1967
26.	A.T. James	1967 – 1979
27.	C.V. Chacko	1967 – 1996
28.	C.C. John	1967 – 1994
29.	M.K. Mathai	1968 – 1997
30.	E.J. Antony	1968 – 1988
31.	John Joseph	1970 – 1980 1983 – 2005
32.	K.J. Mathai	1970 – 1995 1983 – 2005
33.	Job D. Parackal	1972 – 1974
34.	A.C. Chacko	1972 – 1991
35.	N.J. Job	1972 – 2001
36.	O.D. Devasia	1972 – 1999
37.	P.S. Joseph	1972 – 2005
38.	T.C. Cherian	1972 – 2001
39.	Philipkutty Thomas	1972 – 2001
40.	T.J. Joseph	1972 – 1999
41.	K.T. Varghese	1981 – 1994
42.	V.V. Varghese	1982 – 2005

43.	K. Varghese	1983 – 2005
44.	C. Mathew	1983 – 2006
45.	K.K. Joseph	1983 – 2003
46.	K.S. Scaria	1983 –
47.	K.V. Varghese	1983 –
48.	N.O. Devasia	1983 –
49.	N.I. Thomas	1986 –
50.	Thomaskutty M.T.	1988 –
51.	Baby Joseph	1991 –
52.	Eapen Joseph	1992 –
53.	K.M. Joseph	1995 – 2003
54.	K.D. Thomaskutty	1996 –
55.	Jacob M.T.	1996 –
56.	V.A. Joseph	1997 –
57.	K.D. Chacko	1997 –
58.	Raju K.C.	1997 –
59.	K. Joseph	1997 –
60.	Sibichen P.A.	1999 – 2005
61.	M.A. Scaria	2000 –
62.	Chacko Devasia	2001 –
63.	Sebastian Jospheh	2001 – 2004
64.	P.C. Joseph	2003 –
<u>Non Teaching Staff</u>		
1.	Kochoutha	1922 – 1959
2.	M.J. Joseph	1925 – 1928

3.	M.C. Krishnan	1925 – 1928
4.	K.J. Alexander	1929 – 1929
5.	T.J. Fernandez	1925 – 1933
6.	C.A. Philip	1925 – 1962
7.	P.J. Cherian	1926 – 1964
8.	P.J. Thomas	1926 – 1955
9.	K.J. Joseph	1926 – 1936
10.	P.J. Devasia	1926 – 1967
11.	P.T. Varkey	1925 – 1967
12.	Kuttappai	1925 – 1948
13.	K.M. George	1927 – 1928
14.	M.S. Chacko	1927 – 1928
15.	P.C. Devasia	1927 – 1969
16.	K.J. Pothen	1927 – 1968
17.	P.J. George	1928 – 1948
18.	N.C. Mathew	1928 – 1929
19.	Kunnakatt Outha	1930 – 1937
20.	Kunjan Varkey	1930 – 1947
21.	Kainickara Joseph	1928 – 1947
22.	P.E. Abraham	1933 – 1967
23.	K.A. Chacko	1933 – 1940
24.	K.J. Devasia	1933 – 1937
25.	P.D. Sebastian	1936 – 1963
26.	Outha	1935 – 1962
27.	Kutty	1936 – 1947
28.	K.T. Varkey	1937 – 1938

29.	K.C. Joseph	1938 – 1963
30.	K.M. Antony	1945 – 1989
31.	V.J. John	1945 – 1955
32.	K.S. Joseph	1945 – 1949
33.	P.C. Joseph	1945 – 1967
34.	N. Sauri	1945 – 1966
35.	V.C. Antony	1945 – 1983
36.	K.J. Thomma	1946 – 1972
37.	K.J. Joseph	1947 – 1989
38.	K.A. Xavier	1947 – 1986
39.	A. Devasia	1947 – 1948
40.	Joseph Ponnaya	1947 – 1948
41.	Kutty Mooppan	1947 – 1968
42.	K.P. Joseph	1949 – 1986
43.	K.S. Thomas	1949 – 1955
44.	T.T. Thomas	1949 – 1951
45.	P.V. Antony	1949 – 1982
46.	K.T. Joseph	1949 – 1979
47.	K.J. Thomas	1950 – 1980
48.	M.V. Chacko	1950 – 1951
49.	C.K. George	1949 – 1950
50.	P.S. Varghese	1949 – 1983
51.	M.D. Devasia	1949 – 1955
52.	M.V. Devasia	1949 – 1955
53.	N.J. Antony	1951 – 1955
54.	C.V. Chacko	1956 – 1967

55.	A.K. Mathai	1956 – 1983
56.	P. Cherian Joseph	1956 – 1988
57.	M.J. Cherian	1956 – 1958
58.	Mathew Parakuzhy	1956 – 1961
59.	P.M. Mathew	1956 – 1970
60.	P.C. Antony	1956 – 1962
61.	Joseph Francis	1956 – 1959
62.	K.M. Thomas	1956 – 1960
63.	C.D. Job	1956 – 1990
64.	P. Outha	1958 – 1975
65.	C.V. Joseph	1958 – 1995
66.	V.F. Outha	1958 – 1992
67.	M.V. Thomas	1962 – 1995
68.	C. Joseph	1962 – 1992
69.	K.F. Chacko	1962 – 1991
70.	K.J. Alexander	1963 – 1964
71.	Job .D. Parackal	1963 – 1972
72.	N.G. Varghese	1963 – 1992
73.	P.J. Joseph	1963 – 1966
74.	K.A. Gheevarghese	1963 – 1982
75.	P.E. Thomas	1963 – 1991
76.	Chacko Mathai	1964 – 1967
77.	Chacko Thomcy	1964 – 1981
78.	A.C. Chacko	1965 – 1972
79.	C.C. John	1966 – 1967
80.	N.O. Varghese	1966 – 1996

81.	M.K. Mathai	1966 – 1968
82.	P.A. Joseph	1966 – 1967
83.	K.A. Devasia	1966 – 2001
84.	N.J. Job	1966 – 1972
85.	K.C. Varghese	1966 – 2001
86.	K.M. Scaria	1966 – 1997
87.	R. Rama Warriar	1966 – 1967
88.	O.D. Devasia	1966 – 1972
89.	K.J. Antony	1966 – 1986
90.	M.K. Mathen	1968 – 1991
91.	T.C. Cherian	1967 – 1972
92.	K.D. Antony	1967 – 1997
93.	M.M. Devasia	1967 – 1969
94.	P.C. Kurian	1967 – 1981
95.	K.J. Philip	1967 – 1980
96.	P.J. Devasia	1967 – 1999
97.	P.S. Joseph	1968 – 1972
98.	Philippkuty Thomas	1968 – 1972
99.	T.J. Joseph	1968 – 1972
100.	S. Kaliappan	1968 – 1972
101.	K.V. Krishnankutty	1970 – 2001
102.	K.T. Varghese	1970 – 1981
103.	M.M. Mathew	1970 – 2005
104.	P.J. Chacko	1970 – 2001
105.	Joy Sebastian	1970 – 1972
106.	V.V. Varghese	1970 – 1982

107.	K. Varghese	1970 – 1983
108.	V.V. Joseph	1970 – 2000
109.	K.J. Chacko	1972 – 1977
110.	K.P. Mathew	1972 – 2005
111.	M.T. Jacob	1972 – 2005
112.	C. Mathew	1971 – 1983
113.	K.S. Scaria	1972 – 1983
114.	Mathew Michael	1972 – 2006
115.	Devasia Cherian	1972 – 2006
116.	George Stephen	1972 – 1983
117.	Thomas Devasia	1972 – 1993
118.	Thomma	1972 – 1983
119.	M.K. Mathew	1972 – 1973
120.	K.J. Thomas	1972 – 1997
121.	K.J. Joseph Kallukalam	1981 – 2000
122.	K.K. Joseph	1981 – 1983
123.	N.O. Devasia	1981 – 1983
124.	K.V. Varghese	1979 – 1983
125.	N.I. Thomas	1980 – 1986
126.	K.T. Joseph	1980 –
127.	M.T. Thomaskutty	1980 – 1988
128.	K. Thomas Joseph	1981 –
129.	A.K. Cherian	1980 –
130.	Francis Antony	1980 –
131.	Baby Joseph	1980 – 1991
132.	Josekutty Joseph	1980 –

133.	T.V. Joseph	1981 – 2002
134.	Devasia K.T.	1982 –
135.	Joseph V.C.	1983 –
136.	Chacko V.D.	1983 –
137.	Vincent N.A.	1982 –
138.	P. Sundaram	1982 –
139.	Chacko K.S.	1982 –
140.	V.A. Joseph	1982 – 1996
141.	Francis K.A.	1982 –
142.	Eapen Joseph	1982 – 1993
143.	Roychen P.K.	1982 –
144.	Joseph K.M	1983 – 1995
145.	N.J. Joseph	1983 – 2003
146.	Jacob M.T.	1982 – 1996
147.	M.T. Antony	1982 –
148.	Siby John	1985 – 1995
149.	Raju K.C.	1983 – 1996
150.	Chacko K.D.	1983 – 1997
151.	Joseph K.	1986 – 1997
152.	Sebastian Joseph	1987 – 2001
153.	Chacko Devasia	1983 – 2001
154.	Scaria M.A.	1983 – 2000
155.	Joseph K.V.	1983 –
156.	Ouseph M.V.	1986 –
157.	Sher Bahadur	1986 –
158.	Bim Bahadur	1986 –

159.	Joseph P.C.	1988 – 2003
160.	Mathew V.J.	1988 –
161.	Chacko Varghese	1987 –
162.	Johny Devasia .P.	1988 –
163.	Kuruvilla Joseph	1988 –
164.	Josekutty K.S.	1991 –
165.	Aleyachen P.S.	1990 – 1995
166.	Shibumon V	1992 – 2003
167.	Thomaskutty K.D.	1991 – 1996
168	Antony Joseph	1991 –
169.	Thomas John	1991 –
170.	Joseph Antony	1992 –
171.	V.C. Joseph	1994 –
172	P.J. Joseph	1994 –
173.	Mohanan .S.	1994 –
174.	Joshy M.D.	1994 –
175.	Chacko K.T.	1994 –
176.	Babukutty Varghese	1994 –
177.	Kuriakose M	1994 –
178.	Francis C.J.	1994 –
179.	James Joseph	1994 –
180.	Joseph Philip	1994 –
181.	Lukose M.C.	1994 –
182	P.T. Antony	1994 –
183	Sibichen P.A.	1994 –
184.	Thomaskutty N.J.	1994 –

185	Joseph P.J	1995 –
186	Thomas Sebastian M	1996 –
187	Joseph Antony	1996 –
188	Jose Thomas T.	1997 –

CHAPTER IX

STUDENTS' ACTIVITIES

Guidance and Counselling Centre

The Centre started functioning on 1st October 2002. It aims at offering counselling services to the students. Every year the Centre offers a three day Life Guidance Programme for the Senior Postgraduate Students.

N.C.C

The N.C.C. of the Army wing started functioning in 1961. Later the Navy wing was added. At present the strength of the former is 150 and the latter 50. Every year the cadets from the NCC are selected to participate in the Republic Day Parade. The keen interest shown by the N.C.C. in social action is commendable. It has adopted Mercy Home, the Institute at Chethipuzha for physically handicapped children.

National Service Scheme

A unit of the National Service Scheme of M.G. University was inaugurated in the College in 1969. It aims at the development of personality through social service. With this objective it has adopted the motto *Not me but Thou*. Prof. Scaria Zacharia served as the first Programme Officer. The organization annually conducts mini camps (3 days), Ten Day Special Camps during Onam Holidays, Literary Programmes and Legal Awareness Campaign. The organisation undertakes construction of homes for the poor and the needy, water shed management, waste land development programme, blood donation campaign etc. It also adopts a model village every year. (the present adopted village Koonamthanam) and starts community development centres and libraries in backward areas: World Aids Day, Independence Day, Republic Day, NSS Day, Gandhi Jayanthi and World Environment Day are celebrated every year. The NSS of St. Berchmans' College was declared the best unit in the University in 1999 – 2000 and won the Moses Trophy. Prof. Joseph Tito served as Programme Co-ordinator of N S S, M.G. University.

Association & Clubs

The College aims to give its students a general allround education. The abilities aptitudes and aspirations of the students are stimulated and nurtured outside the classrooms. In order to achieve this various associations and clubs are working in the College. They are the following:-

Arts Club

Catholic Students Movement

Quiz Club

Debating Club

Film Club

Planning Forum

Athletic Association

Spoken English Forum

Social Service League

Vincent de Paul Conference

Tourism Club

Nature Club

In addition to these each department has its own association with a member of the department as president

The College Union

Soon after the establishment of the College, the College Union (entirely different from the present day College Union) was started. It aimed at fostering the creative talents of the students. The Union organized competitions in elocution, oratory, essay writing (English and Malayalam) etc. The Union was divided into several sections like English Literature, Debating Society, Science Association etc. Distinguished men from outside presided over the extraordinary meetings. It should be noted that in the election of the office bearers and the activities of the Union, politics did not play any part. Even before the establishment of the University Unions, elections were conducted in St. Berchmans' on the basis of clearly formulated rules and regulations. St. Berchmans' was the first college to do so. Politics crept into the campus later. Political parties established their student wings and elections were hotly contested leading to discord and quarrels (But St. Berchmans' was by and large free from political turmoil). In 1999 following an agitation by a section of the students backed by a political party, the College secured a high court order and introduced the Parliamentary system of election. Many colleges followed suit.

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