

## **Unveiling of Portraits**

### **The Rev. Canon R.S. de Saram**

Canon R.S. de Saram was Warden of S. Thomas' College from 1932 to 1959. When the College buildings at Mt. Lavinia were commandeered as a military hospital in 1942, he made the decision to start a school at Gurutalawa under the Headmastership of Dr. R.L. Hayman. In 1944 the branch of the school at Peradeniya was closed, and during 1945 the Warden came into residence at Gurutalawa, staying in the house now occupied by Mr. F.L. Amerasinghe. He left here when the College buildings at Mt. Lavinia were handed back, and S. Thomas' restarted life once again in its own buildings at the beginning of 1946. In asking you, Sir, to unveil this photograph, I would pay tribute to one of our distinguished Wardens, whose integrity and courage shine out of a life dedicated to S. Thomas' College.

...Rev.A J Foster

### **Mr. C.H. Davidson**

Mr. C.H. Davidson was Headmaster of S. Thomas' College, Gurutalawa from 1946-1947. He gave some of his best years to us and was renowned for his thoroughness, care and diligence. His gifts were particularly suited to Gurutalawa for he had a genuine love for school and farm alike. In calling upon you, Sir, to unveil his photograph, I am glad that we should honour one who has since been called to the highest office S. Thomas' can confer, the office of warden.

.... Rev.A J Foster