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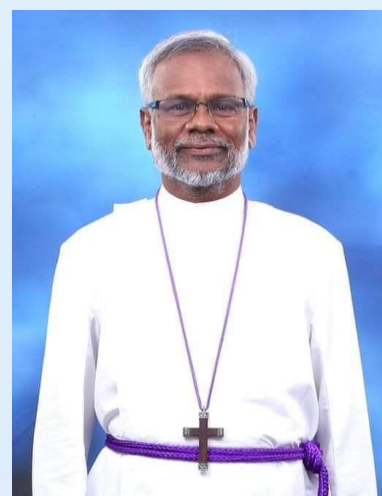
Church of South India - Diocese of Vellore

Bishop's Address at Hospital Day Celebration

157th Birth Anniversary of the Rev. Dr. John Scudder Sr.

Today, as we gather to celebrate the birthday of John Scudder Sr., we also commemorate the incredible legacy he left behind in India. A legacy that is truly deserving of celebration, recognition, and gratitude – is the establishment of the Scudder Memorial Hospital. John Scudder Sr.'s unwavering commitment to serving others was deeply rooted in his Christian faith. Inspired by the teachings of love, compassion, and healing found in the Bible, he embarked on a mission like no other, venturing thousands of miles away from his homeland to a foreign land, India.

In the book of Matthew, we are reminded of the words of Jesus, who said, **"Go and make disciples of all nations..."** (Matthew 28:19). John Scudder Sr. took these words to heart, believing that he was called to bring not only the message of salvation but also alleviate the physical suffering of the people of India. Arriving in India in the early 19th century, John Scudder Sr. faced numerous challenges and obstacles. Healthcare at that time was minimal, with countless individuals lacking access to even the most basic medical attention. The sick, the suffering, and the marginalized desperately needed a beacon of hope, someone who could bring both physical and spiritual healing.



With unparalleled dedication, John Scudder Sr. laid the foundation for what would become the Scudder Memorial Hospital. Inspiring others with his faith and vision, he rallied a team of like-minded individuals who shared his passion for bringing healthcare to those in need. Together, they worked tirelessly, often selflessly sacrificing their own comfort and safety, to build not just a hospital but a symbol of hope etched into the very heart of India. In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus tells the parable of the Good Samaritan, where a stranger extends love and compassion to a wounded man left for dead on the side of the road.

This parable embodies the spirit of the Scudder Memorial Hospital, as it reaches out to all, regardless of social status, caste, or creed, offering healing, comfort, and hope to those who need it most.

Today, Scudder Memorial Hospital stands as a testament to the transformative power of one person's faith, vision, and unwavering commitment. Countless lives have been touched, transformed, and forever changed by the compassion and service offered within its walls.

As we celebrate John Scudder Sr.'s birthday, let us remember his selfless dedication and unyielding faith. Let us pay homage to his remarkable legacy by continuing to support the mission of the Scudder Memorial Hospital. Just as John Scudder Sr. understood the importance of healing both the body and the soul, let us be inspired to extend our own hands of compassion to those who are hurting and in desperate need of hope.



In conclusion, as we celebrate this special day, let us not only honor John Scudder Sr.'s profound impact, but also strive to emulate the love, compassion, and unwavering faith that guided his mission. May we be reminded that we are called to be the Good Samaritans of our time, extending healing and hope to all, just as Jesus commanded.

Thank you, and may God bless each one of you.

Sharma Nithiyanandham

Bishop in Vellore

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OUR VISION

“To continue the Healing Ministry of Jesus Christ by providing quality, accessible and affordable health care to all”

OUR MISSION

“To provide holistic health care and education to the people and to build a just and healthy community through Jesus Christ”



DEPARTMENT IN FOCUS – 10

DEPARTMENT OF OPHTHALMOLOGY

“JESUS SAID, I have come into this world, so that the blind will see”

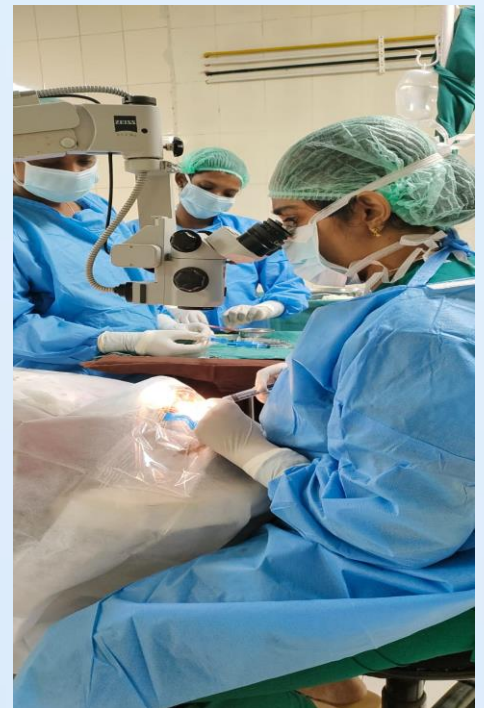
“Give glory to God by telling the truth. I was blind but now I see”

HUMBLE BEGINNINGS

The Department of Ophthalmology was started in the 1980s to serve the unmet needs of a large number of patients including those coming from outreach clinics, requiring specialized eye care.

Initially, eye patients were admitted to common wards, and surgery was done in the general OT complex. With the high turnover of cataract surgeries, an increasing need for an exclusive operating theatre and ward was realized. So, in 1987 the existing communicable diseases ward was converted to the eye ward and theatre.

With the increasing need for microsurgery with stricter asepsis, Christoffel Blinden Mission (CBM), gifted generously to SMH, the current Ophthalmology OPD block with the out-reach office, optical shop, operation theatre complex, ophthalmology general ward, ophthalmology private rooms and ophthalmology doctor and staff quarters. It was constructed and was dedicated to the glory of God and the service of humanity in 1998 - 99. This generous contribution from CBM was followed by years of continuous endowment with trained doctors, staff, furniture, and equipment (slit-lamps, auto-refractor, Nd-YAG laser machine, operating microscope, operating instruments, autoclave, generator, and ambulances).



This department underwent continuous transitions, leadership changes, and many challenges. It stood up to the challenge of time and survived the period of rapid transition of surgical trends.

CURRENT PROFILE:

The Department of Ophthalmology is a 30-bedded independent secondary eye care centre offering eye care and attracts patients from all over the neighboring villages and Ranipet. The eye department takes pride in continuing to cater to the primary eye care needs of the economically weaker patients from the neighboring areas. About 70% of patients are given free or subsidized treatment.

The department is currently equipped with all the modern diagnostic and therapeutic equipment required for secondary ophthalmic care. Zeiss slit lamps and indirect ophthalmoscopes are available in the patient examination areas. Keratometer, A-scan, and Automated refractometer are some of the equipments available in the OPD. The operation theatre (OT) has a Zeiss microscope, a Takagi microscope, and a Topcon microscope.

Currently, the department is headed by Dr. Santa Christina.P. and assisted by

Dr. Preethi Shankar. They are ably aided by their Ophthalmic Technician - Mrs.Arulmani Alphaeus, Optometrist - Mr. Baktha Kumar, Ophthalmic tutors – Miss. Aruna Wilson and Mrs. Lalitha. The ward is well administered by the ward-in-charge Mrs. Nalini Christopher and aided ably by her junior staffs – Miss. Aruna, Miss. Getsy Margret, Mrs. Shobana, Miss. Rajathi and Miss. Divya.



Our services include outpatient services, inpatient services (including surgeries) as well as outreach programmes in the form of regular camps. About 30-40 outpatients are seen every day. Outreach programmes include cataract screening, and school screening other than regular camps to bring in needy patients requiring cataract surgery. Around 300 surgeries are done every year, the majority of which comprise cataract surgeries. The other surgeries

include pterygium excision with conjunctival autograft, dacryocystorhinostomy, dacryocystectomy, and minor lid surgeries. The laboratory and pharmacy located in the main hospital cater to the routine needs of the hospital. An in-house optical dispensary provides spectacles for the patients.

With the increasing need for trained optometrist's in the community, the diploma in Optometry course was started in 2019 and student's from the neighbouring villages were enrolled. The student's are well trained academically and are encouraged for immediate successful employment. Two of our 1st year student's (Miss. Amudha-1st rank and Mr. Gopi Anand 3rd rank) were CMAI rank holder's



Recently, when Mr. Jack Scudder visited our department in October 2022, he applauded the department's free/subsidized service to the poor and offered to donate the state-of-the-art Oertli phacoemulsification machine to the department, on behalf of the Scudder Association. The department was benefacted with this generous gift by the Scudder Association and it was a boon to the progress of the department.

Department Census

August 2022 – July 2023

In - Patients Statistics Aug'22 – July'23	301
Out - Patients Statistics Aug'22 – July'23	3863
Community Health Camps Patients	6459

JEWELS OF SMH

Dr. Henry Martyn Scudder - Part III

Dr. John Scudder Sr was accompanied by Joseph Scudder to Cape Town due to his failing health. On the 13th of January 1855, Dr. John Scudder Sr. entered into eternal rest at Cape of Good Hope.

In January 1856 a church was built and dedicated at Vellore. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Martyn Scudder suffered the loss of two children, William and Joseph Melancthon in about two years' time. By 1857 H.M Scudder's health was failing and he had to travel back home to America for a while to regain his health. Back in the United States, Mr. Henry Martyn Scudder was a very much sought-after preacher. He actively preached in many churches across different parts of the country on the work of missions and the need for missionaries. The youngest son Doremus Scudder was born in 1858.

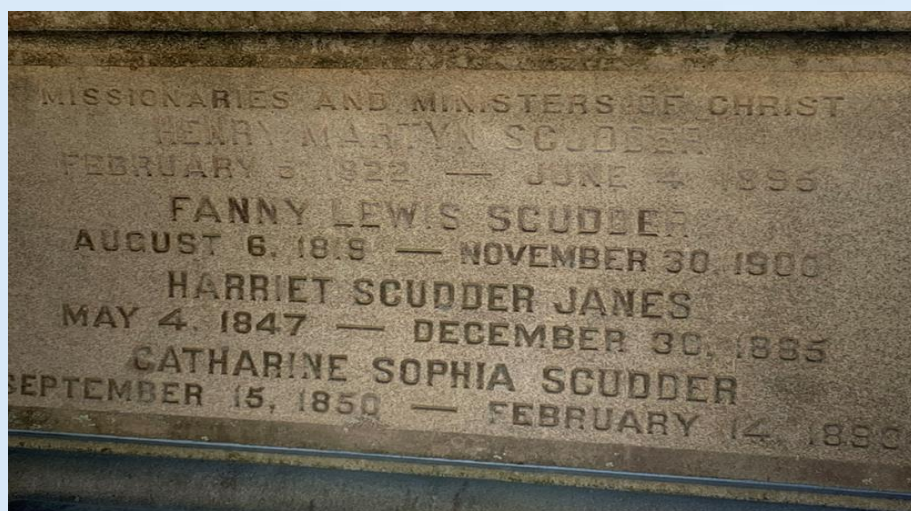
Mr. H.M. Scudder returned to India in December 1860 and was stationed at Coonoor, due to his continued ill health. His return strengthened the church at Coonoor.

He was involved in preaching and went door to door sharing the gospel. Having a gift in writing he devoted much time to writing and publishing books.

By 1864 Mr. H. M Scudder moved to Ootacamund at the same time taking care of Coonoor. The Church in Ootacamund started growing and even raised aid for village churches in Sattambady and Aliandal.

Due to a severe deterioration in the health of H.M. Scudder, he had to return to The United States. In America he recovered sufficiently to involve himself in pastoral ministry. He was pastor of the Howard Presbyterian church in San Francisco, California, in 1865-'71, of the Central Congregational church in Brooklyn in 1872-'82, and from the latter date till 1887 of the Plymouth Congregational church, Chicago, from which he resigned in that year to resume missionary work in Japan. He made many publications include "Liturgy of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church" (Madras, India, 1862); "The Bazaar Book, or the Vernacular Teacher's Companion" (1865); "Sweet Savors of Divine Truth," a catechism (1868); and "Spiritual Teaching" (1870).

He died on 4 June 1895 in Winchester, Massachusetts



SMH Happenings – Major News & Events

Hospital Day 2023:

The Hospital Day has been celebrated every year since on the 3rd of September, the birth anniversary of the Rev Dr. John Scudder Sr. Pioneer Medical Missionary and Founder of the American Arcot Mission. This year, the third of September being a Sunday, a Special Service was held in the Hospital chapel on Saturday, September second. The celebration turned out to be a memorable occasion graced by the Bishop of Vellore Diocese, Rt. Rev. Sharma Nithiyanandham and officers of the Vellore diocese.

Evangelist Albert Solomon, who joined in the fellowship, led the congregation in a delightful time of praise and worship. The chapel service was followed by the inauguration of the new Obstetrics & Gynecology Block, Stone laying for a New Staff Quarters and a Digital Library for the School of Nursing. The School of Nursing having completed one hundred years, a “**Centenary Souvenir**” was released to mark the event.



Obstetrics & Gynaecology and Newborn Care Block Inauguration:

Scudder Memorial Hospital has been for a very long time a very important provider of high-quality obstetric services in Ranipet and Arcot. The long-felt need for a distinct unit to provide comprehensive and quality obstetric care was fulfilled in the inauguration of the Harriet Scudder Obstetrics and Gynecology Block with Modular Operation Theater. This building also includes prenatal and post-natal wards, labor rooms, and a nursery.



Stone Laying Ceremony for Digital Library & Staff Quarters Block:

In view of the centenary celebration of the school of nursing and for the newly started college of nursing a state-of-the-art digital library has been envisioned for the uses of its students.

Providing housing for the growing family of SMH is becoming very important and this is another step toward fulfilling this need

The Inaugural Stone Laying for both these projects was done by our honorable Bishop of Vellore Diocese.



Food Carnival for Diocesan Mission Festival:

Food Carnival was held on 2nd, 3rd, and 7th October by SMH family along with hospital day celebrations. The Funds thus raised were donated for the mission festival and it was used for support of missionaries of Vellore Diocese.



Praise and Worship:

On the evening of the third of September, a praise and worship service was held on the lawn in front of the hospital to remember and rededicate and to praise and thank God for the life of Dr. John Scudder Sr. The founder of the American Arcot Mission and pioneer of modern medical missions.



World Physiotherapy Day:



World Health Physiotherapy Day was celebrated on 8th September 2023 at S.M.H, based on the W.H.O theme **OSTEOARTHRITIS**, Dr. Anbu Suresh Rao was the chief guest along with him doctors from all departments, staffs of S.M.H and patients were present, Mrs. Jeslin organized the celebration and gave brief explanation about the impacts of the osteoarthritis to the patients, followed by medical superintendent address then skit related to osteoarthritis do's and don'ts was played by staffs of P.T & O.T.C students.

World Patient Safety Day:

World patient safety work was celebrated in our hospital from 18 Sep to 22 Sep 23' with the theme **“ENGAGING PATIENTS FOR PATIENT SAFETY”**

1. All ward patients were oriented regarding their rights and responsibilities.
2. Demonstrated the hand hygiene importance and Bio-Medical waste segregation
3. Care of elderly persons at home and prevention of falls and safety measures



World Rabies Day:

World Rabies Day was celebrated on 28th October with the theme of **“All for one, one health for all”**. Health education about the importance of vaccination was given to all patients and relatives in all OPD areas and waiting hall by our Senior Nurses.



World Heart Day:

World Heart Day was celebrated with the theme **“Use Heart, Know Heart”** A walkathon was organized from Muthukadai to SMH by the College of Nursing students, AHS students, Nursing service, and SMH staff.

A Total of 45 patients benefitted from cardio camp offered ECG, Screening ECHO Doctor Consultation from 29th Sep to 8th Oct.



Emergency Department CME:

We praise God who enabled the SMH Emergency Department to conduct its 1st Continuing Medical Education at SMH on 7TH October 2023.

The **Deliberate Self Harm** (DSH) and Airway Management hands-on workshop provided hands-on training to 50 medical professionals, primarily Doctors from different intuitions and nurses, and paramedics.

We are grateful to our resource persons from the Department of Emergency Medicine, CMC Vellore and POISON Control Center CMC Vellore



Prosthetics and Orthotics Clinic Inauguration:

By the Grace of God one more precious gem was added to the orthopedics department, we were able to inaugurate prosthetics and orthotics services on 11th October 2023 in partnership with Artificial Limb Center, C.M.C Vellore.



Graduation Day 2023 - Scudder Institute of Allied Health Science

The First Graduation of B.Sc., Degree students and other Paramedical Diploma students was held on 12th Sep 2023 **Rt. Rev. Dr. H. Sharma Nithyanandham**, Bishop of CSI VD commissioned and blessed the graduates. **Dr. G. Vishwanathan**, Founder and Chancellor of VIT, Vellore delivered the Chief Guest address. **Dr. Victoria Job**, CMAI – CEB, Secretary and LTC convener presented the commencement address. The officers of CSI Vellore Diocese graced the occasion



Department of Human Resource Management & Development

NEW RECRUITS

We welcome **Dr. Saravanan** - Consultant (Neuro Surgery), **Dr. Preethi Shankar** - Consultant Ophthalmology, **Dr. Anita Priyadharshini** - Consultant General Medicine, and **Dr. Annie Evangelin** - junior consultant Dental as they join the SMH family and partake in the Healing Ministry

WEDDING BELLS

We Congratulate **Mrs. Kaviya B.** Staff Nurse - Nursing service as she enters into a new phase in her life. We wish her a long and happy married life.

SITUATIONS VACANT	
General Surgery	MS (Gen Surg.) / DNB (Gen Surg.)
Dermatology	MD (Derm) / DNB (Derm)
Psychiatry	DPM / MD (Psy) / DNB
Obstetrics & Gynecology	DGO / MD (OG) / DNB
Paediatrics	DCH/MD (Paed)/ DNB (Paed)
Medical Officer	MBBS
<p style="text-align: center;">Salary as per Diocesan Medical Board Norms</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Application with a copy of qualification certificates to be sent to -</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Dr. Anbu Suresh Rao, Medical Superintendent</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Scudder Memorial Hospital, Kelly's Road, Ranipet – 632 401.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Email ID: smhranipet@gmail.com / hrsmh2021@gmail.com / hrd@scudderhospital.org</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Contact no: 04172 281550/502</p>	

<p>Please send your feedback/suggestions and any interesting anecdote by e-mail to –</p> <p style="text-align: center;">emunah.smh@gmail.com</p>	<p>Bank account details for online donation from within India are:</p> <p>Name of Bank/Branch: State Bank of India, Ranipet</p> <p>Account Name: Scudder Memorial Hospital</p> <p>IFSC Code: SBIN0002262</p> <p>Account No: 30279815548</p> <p>(Please send a mail to info@scudderhospital.org soon after remittance).</p>
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