

Mrs. K. Merryweather
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1 August 1986

Thank you very much indeed for finding Dr. Matthai's student file.
It has been most useful. As well as the original records, I have attached
recent correspondence.

John McLoughlin
John McLoughlin
Alumnus Office

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1913 Yr Michaelmas
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 The London School of Economics and Political Science.

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NAME IN FULL.

SURNAME. <i>Matthai</i>	CHRISTIAN NAME OR NAMES IN FULL. <i>John</i>	Mr., Mrs., Miss, etc. <i>Mr.</i>
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Usual Signature *John Matthai*
 Date *30 September 1913*

Matthai, John

B.A., B.L. Madras
over 21

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The Modern State 28.
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Econ. Hist. 40
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9th Yr Michaelmas Term 1913-14

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Matthai

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John Mack

Register No. 12821

Ticket No. 8511

20th Yr Summer Term 1914-15
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John Matthai

Date

October 6

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cc: Dr. Nossiter

16 July 1986

Dear Mr. Jayachandran,

I am writing in the absence on leave of Mr. John McLoughlin concerning your enquiries about Dr. John Matthai.

We were pleased to have your letter of 16 May and the copy of your 17 March letter which does not appear to have reached us earlier.

We have looked at our old student files. I am afraid there is no photograph of Dr. Matthai. I am however happy to send you a copy of the record of his class attendance here between 1913 and 1916. I imagine P = present and A = absent.

The D.Sc. is awarded by the University of London and it may be that the University has a copy of Dr. Matthai's dissertation or at least a description of it. We have therefore forwarded your letter of 17 March to the Academic Registrar at Senate House, together with a copy of this letter.

With all good wishes from LSE to the Dr. John Matthai Memorial Society,

Yours sincerely,

Jennifer Pinney
External Relations and Appeals Officer

Mr. T.N. Jayachandran,
Vice-Chancellor,
University of Calicut,
Calicut University P.O.,
Malappuram District,
Kerala,
India 673635.

16 July 1986

Dear Academic Registrar,

Dr. John Matthal

You will see from the enclosed copies of correspondence that the University of Calicut is setting up a Memorial Society to the above-named who was registered at the School from 1913-1916. There is very little on his student file here. If the University is able to supply any further information I am sure it would be greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Jennifer Pinney
External Relations Officer

The Academic Registrar,
University of London,
Senate House,
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Matthai, John

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9th Yr Michaelmas Term 1013-14

MEETINGS:-

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Mr. A. G. Loughlin

Mr. Bursey

We had a request to supply any details which we may have about the work and life of Dr. John Matthai, who was at the School from 1913 to 1915 and who received the D.Sc. Econ. in 1916. His student file - only a few sheets - has been located by Mrs. Merryweather and is currently out to me. I wonder whether it is in order to supply a copy of one page of it, which lists class meetings attended. (Photocopy attached).

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John McLoughlin
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Man Who Resigns

MAN who once sat at Mr Attlee's feet comes to London this week to recuperate. Dr John Matthai, Madras Christian who was Indian Finance Minister. He brings his wife.

Dr Matthai, 64, resigned in May because of disagreement with Premier Nehru. He also left his safe seat in Parliament. Friends now ask: will he return to the board of the powerful Tata industrial concern?

How did he sit at Mr Attlee's feet? He says: "I heard him lecture at the London School of Economics."

Mrs Matthai O.C.
27-29

Mr Matthai ? Re. 1920

8th September, 1950.

Dear Professor Matthai,

I understand that you are paying a visit to London. If you should be interested to visit the School I do hope that you will get into touch with me. It will be very pleasant to receive you and Mrs. Matthai as a distinguished old student of the School and to show you its more recent extensions.

Yours sincerely,

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Secretary.

Professor John Matthai,
C/o The High Commissioner for India,
India House,
Aldwych,
W.C.2.

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London School of Economics Register.

Name of Student	SURNAME. MATTHAI.	FIRST NAMES. John	✓
If name has been changed by marriage, deed poll or otherwise, please state new name and give particulars.		DATE OF BIRTH. 10 th January 1886	
If married, please give particulars (date, name of partner, etc.)		Married (1921) Achamma John - 2 Sons, 1 daughter	
Education		(a) Schools Zamorin's College, Calicut, S. India	
PR		(b) University Madras University - B.A. 1905 1902-05. B.L. 1910 LSE 1913-1915. D.Sc (Econ) Balliol College Oxford 1915-18	
Degrees, Diplomas & Certificates gained. (Please give dates.)		(1) At London School of Economics D.Sc (Econ). 1916.	
		(2) At any other Colleges or Universities Madras University - B.A. • B.L. Oxford. B.Litt - 1905 1910	
Particulars of any subsequent distinctions			
Particulars of war service (if any)			
Profession or occupation. Give dates of appointments held		Professor of Economics, Presidency College, Madras, 1921-5 Professor of Indian Economics, Madras University, 1922-5 Member, Indian Tariff Board, 1925-31 President, Indian Tariff Board, ^{since} 1931.	
Publications (if any)		'Village Government in British India' 'Agricultural Cooperation in India' 'Excise and Liquor Control'	
Permanent Address. (Changes should be notified)		Indian Tariff Board 1 Council House Street Calcutta Noted. Rev. 23.3.33.	

Signed

M. Matthai

Date

12.8.1932

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Mr. A. C. Loughlin

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Mr. P. Wallace

I have received a request for information about Dr. John Matthai, who was at the School between 1913 and 1915 and obtained the D.Sc. Econ. in 1916. (See letter dated 17 March, attached.)

Is it correct to assume that the University should have a dissertation for the D.Sc. Econ.? If so, I will pass the enquiry to Senate House.


John McLoughlin

9.7.86

They shd have a record of
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In those days I think it was a
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There may of course be
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12 June 1986

Dear Mr McLoughlin

I enclose a photocopy of the entry regarding Dr Matthai in the LSE Register and a note of two publications written by him during his period at the School. Further information can probably only be found in his student file (if it still exists) to which I have no access.

Yours sincerely

A. Raspin

A Raspin (Dr)
Archivist

Mr J McLoughlin
Alumnus Office
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MASON, W. J. - *con.*
occ. 1908-9, reg. 1909-12, occ. 1912-3;
Gladstone Memorial Prize, 1910;
Gerstenberg Schol. 1911; B.Sc.
(Econ.) 1st Cl. Hons. 1912.

MASON, William Samuel; b. June 9, 1884. *Educ.* Surrey Lane L.C.C. Sch.; Battersea Pupil Teachers' Centre; Culham Coll., Oxford, 1904-6 (B. of E. Teacher's Cert.); L.S.E. 1922-30e.; B.Sc. (Econ.) spec. subj. Government, 1932. Assist. Master, The Battersea Central School, 1921 to date. *Address.* 31 Elms Rd., Clapham Common, S.W.4.

MASSEY, Philip Hubert; b. Oct. 28, 1909. *Educ.* Radley Sch.; L.S.E. 1928-31; Director's First Year Essay Prize (1st), 1929; B.Sc. (Econ.) 2nd Cl. Hons. spec. subj. Government, 1931; Hugh Lewis Prize, 1931; registered e. for Ph.D. (Political Sc.), 1931 to date. Estd. the Massey Bureau, Econ. and Political Information Service, 1932 (address as below); Statistical Officer, Civil Service Statistical and Research Bureau, 1933 to date. *Address.* 4 Mecklenburgh St., W.C.1.

MASTER, Ibrahim Karimbhai; b. Sept. 14, 1905; m. Ayesha, d. of Sulemanji Isabji. *Educ.* Government High Sch., Nadiad, 1920-2; Gujarat Coll., Ahmedabad (Bombay Univ.), 1922-6 (B.A. Hons. Hist. and Econ. 1926); L.S.E. 1926-30; B.Sc. (Econ.) 2nd Cl. Hons. spec. subj. Pub. Administration, 1929. Barrister-at-Law, called to the Bar, Lincoln's Inn, July, 1930. Practising as Barrister, Rajkot, Kathiawar, India, 1930 to date. *Address.* Sadar Bazar Rd., Rajkot C. S. (Kathiawar), India.

MASTERSON, William Edward; b. Nov. 26, 1889; m. April 10, 1923, Eloise Bordages. *Educ.* Public Schools of Texas; Univ. of Texas (A.B. 1915); Harvard Univ. (M.A. 1917, LL.B. 1920, S.J.D. 1926); L.S.E. 1926-7, 1928; LL.D. 1928. Phi. Kappa Bei and Phi Alpha Delta fraternities. War service: U.S.N.R.F. Adviser on subject of Piracy, Research in

Internat. Law, Harvard Law School; Leader of Round Table on Internat. Law, Inst. of Internat. Relations, Berkeley, California, 1930. Prof. of Law and Dean of Coll. of Law, Univ. of Idaho, 1929 to date. *Publications.* Jurisdiction in Marginal Seas, with special reference to Smuggling, 1929; articles and book reviews in Legal periodicals. *Address.* Moscow, Idaho, U.S.A.

MATON, Ernest Henry; b. June 22, 1900; m. Oct. 15, 1927, Grace Agnes Foster. *Educ.* The Gram. Sch., Tottenham; L.S.E. 1920-3e.; B.Sc. (Econ.) 2nd Cl. Hons. spec. subj. Pub. Administration, 1923. War service: R.A.F., June-Dec. 1918. Assist. Auditor, Nat. Insurance Audit Dept., 1919; Executive Officer, Ministry of Pensions, 1922; Assist. Inspector of Taxes, Inland Revenue, 1925; Inspector of Taxes, since 1930. *Address.* c/o Inland Revenue, Somerset House, W.C.2

MATTHAI, John; b. Jan. 10, 1886; m. 1921, Achamma John; two s. one d. *Educ.* Zamorin's Coll., Calicut, S. India; Univ. of Madras, 1902-5 (B.A. 1905, B.L. 1910); Balliol Coll., Oxford, 1915-8 (B. Litt); L.S.E. 1913-5; D.Sc. (Econ.) 1916. Prof. of Econ., Presidency Coll., Madras, 1921-5; Prof. of Indian Econ., Univ. of Madras, 1922-5; Member of Indian Tariff Board, 1925-31, and President, 1931 to date. *Publications.* Village Government in British India (L.S.E. Studies in Economics and Political Science), 1915; Agricultural Co-operation in India; Excise and Liquor Control. *Address.* Indian Tariff Board, 1 Council House St., Calcutta, India.

MATTHEWS, Bertram Harry Trewhman; June 26, 1882. *Educ.* Haberdashers' Aske's Sch., Hatcham; L.S.E. 1917-20; B.Sc. (Econ.) Hons. spec. subj. Pub. Administration, 1920. Principal, Oliver Goldsmith Commercial Inst., Camberwell, S.E.5. *Address.* Boudhurst, Forester's Drive, Wallington, Surrey.

MATTHEWS, Emily Catherine; *Educ.* Wimbledon High Sch.; L.S.E. 1907-15, 1923; Geog. Cert.

1909. *Publication.* The Highlands of South-West Surrey (L.S.E. Series of Geographical Studies) 1911. *Address.* 34 Peak Hill, Sydenham, S.E.26.

MATTHEWS, George Edgar; *Educ.* L.S.E. 1909-12, B.Sc. (Econ.) Hons. spec. subj. Econ. Hist., 1912.

MATTHEWS, Marjorie; b. May 25, 1904. *Educ.* Clifton High Sch. for Girls, Glos.; Newnham Coll., Cambridge (M.A.); L.S.E. 1929-30; Mental Health Cert. 1930. Psychiatric Social Worker, East London Child Guidance Clinic, Sept. 1930 to date. *Address.* 29 Guilford St., W.C.1.

MATTHEWS, Reginald Percy; b. 1900; m. 1926. *Educ.* Tollington Sch., Muswell Hill; L.S.E. 1922-3, 1924-8e.; B.Com. Group A. Banking and Finance, 1928. A.C.A. 1924. War service: Inns of Court O.T.C., and Officer, Cadet Bn., 1918. Form Master, Tollington School, London, 1916-8; Chartered Accountant's Articled Clerk, 1919-24; Qualified Clerk to C.A.'s, 1924-8; Managing Clerk to Chas. W. Rooke & Co., C.A., 2 Norfolk St., W.C.2, 1929 to date. *Address.* Kingswood, 120 Ashurst Rd., Friern Barnet, N.12.

MATTHEWS, Roso; *Educ.* L.S.E. 1919-20, Social Science Cert. 1920.

MAUGER, Marguerite Anna Rita; *Educ.* St. Hildred's Sch., Southsea; Portsmouth Municipal Coll.; L.S.E. 1926-8, Social Science Cert. 1928. Assist. Almoner, Moorfields Hospital, 1929. *Address.* 14 Guessens Court, Welwyn Garden City.

MAUTNER, Edward Ernest Benjamin; b. Nov. 1, 1905; m. Freda Mary Anglin. *Educ.* Haberdashers' Aske's Sch., Hampstead; L.S.E. 1924-31e.; B.Com. Group A. Banking and Finance, 1931. Clerk, J. Henry Schröder & Co., 1923-30; Assist. Statistician, Saint-Phalle, Ltd., 1931-3; Clerk, Anglin & Co., Merchants, 1932 to date. *Address.* 12a Belsize Crescent, N.W.3. See also F. M. Mautner.

MAUTNER, Freda Mary, née Anglin; b. Dec. 1, 1902; m. Edward Ernest Benjamin Mautner. *Educ.* South Hampstead High Sch.; L.S.E. 1920-3, occ. to 1927; B.Com.

Group B. Trade, 1923. Sec. to Anglin & Co., 11 Chapel St., E.C.2., 1923-32. *Address.* 12a Belsize Crescent, N.W.3. See also E. E. B. Mautner.

MAY, Elisabeth Augusta, née Stoffregen; b. 1907; m. Sept. 22, 1931, Geoffrey May, A.B. Harvard, LL.B. Harvard Law Sch. *Educ.* Montclair High Sch., New Jersey; Smith Coll., Mass. (A.B. 1928); Radcliffe Coll., Mass.; L.S.E. 1928-30; Ph.D. (Econ.) 1931. Instructor in Econ., Goucher Coll., Baltimore, Sept. 1931 to date. *Address.* 2318 North Charles St., Baltimore, U.S.A.

MAY, Hilda; see Bokitto.

MAYBANK, Harold Frank; b. Dec. 12, 1908. *Educ.* Lammas Sch., West Ealing, 1914-20; Ealing County Sch. for Boys, 1920-7; L.S.E. 1927-30, B.A. 2nd Cl. Hons. Hist., 1930; King's Coll., London; Teacher's Dipl. and B. of E. Cert., 1931. Temp. English Teacher, Raine's Foundation Sch., London, 1932. *Address.* 56 Oakington Avenue, Harrow, Middx.

MAYHEW, Sidney Wilfrid; b. Oct. 12, 1907; m. June 8, 1931, Olive Louise Rayner. *Educ.* Selhurst Gram. Sch., Surrey; Graduate Sch. of Business Administration, Harvard; L.S.E. 1925-7, B.Com. with Hons. Group B. Trade, 1927; Sir Ernest Cassel Travelling Schol., 1927-8. Trainership with Lever Bros., Ltd., 1928-31; Advertising Manager, Joseph Crosfield & Sons Ltd., 1933 to date. *Address.* 272a Earls Court Rd., S.W.5. Tel. Flaxman 0291.

MAYNE, Margaret Lucy; *Educ.* L.S.E. 1918-21, B.Sc. (Econ.) 1921.

MAYRISCH, Andréo; see Viénot.

MEAD, Elsie Morley; b. Sept. 13, 1910. *Educ.* Clapham High Sch.; L.S.E. 1929-32, B.Sc. (Econ.) spec. subj. Mod. Econ. Hist., 1932. *Address.* 11 Huron Rd., S.W.17.

MEAD, William Howard Lloyd; b. April 14, 1905. *Educ.* Wellesley House, Broadstairs; Marlborough Coll. (Junior Mod. Schol. 1920; Senior ditto, 1921); L.S.E. 1922-5, B.Sc. (Econ.) 2nd Cl. Hons. spec. subj. Commercial Law, 1925.

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London 1915

from 'The L. S. C. Register 1895-1932'
LSE. March 1934

Pandy
Dr. Raspin advised
our Registry. She
herself had no
records of
Jncl. 30/6/86

9 June 1986

Dear Dr. Raspin,

I enclose a copy of a letter dated 17 March which arrived in my office last week. It concerns Dr. John Matthai (1886-1959) who obtained the D.Sc.Econ. in 1916 having been at LSE from 1913-15.

As you will see, the writer, T.N. Jayachandran, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Calicut is interested in obtaining any information that the School may offer about Dr. Matthai.

I wish to acknowledge receipt of the letter. May I say that you are dealing with his query?

Looking forward to hearing from you,

Yours sincerely,

John McLoughlin
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May
16 March, 1986.

Dear Mr McLoughlin,

Please refer to your letter of 28 February 1985 to Mr. N. Purushothaman, Pro-Vice-Chancellor and my reply of 17 March, 1986. I am afraid you haven't received my letter of 17 March, as I am yet to hear from you. A copy of my letter is enclosed for reference.

I enclose a copy of the Dr. John Matthai Centenary Celebrations Souvenir which has just been brought out. I am now working on the rules and bye-laws of the Dr. John Matthai Memorial Society which we propose to launch on 10 January 1987, the 101st Birth Day of Dr. John Matthai.

With regards,
Yours sincerely,

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17 March, 1986.

Dear Mr McLoughlin,

I thank you for your letter, addressed to Mr. N. Purushothaman, Pro-Vice-Chancellor who has passed it on to me. Enclosed please find a copy of the biography of Dr. John Matthai written by Dr Haridasan with compliments of the Committee.

Dr. John Matthai Centre is a Centre of the University of Calicut set up in the 17 acre plot made available to the University on payment of a paltry sum by Mrs. John Matthai. It houses the Department of Economics of the University of Calicut where M.A. programme is offered in Economics and Applied Economics. There are also facilities for research for the award of Ph.D. degree. It also houses the 'School of Drama' which offers instruction for the award of the Degree of 'Bachelor of Theatrical Arts'. This is probably the only institution in the country which offers a degree in Theatrical Arts.

Dr. John Matthai is one of the best contribution which Kerala made to India. Unfortunately, he has been forgotten; at least not remembered the way he should have been. The centenary celebrations were a sincere attempt to bring back to life the memory of ~~Dr. John Matthai~~ this great man. I am now on the job of setting up a 'John Matthai Memorial Society', so that the memory of Dr. Matthai could be perpetuated. I take this opportunity to seek your guidance, help and advise in making the functioning of the Society successful.

We are shortly releasing a Souvenir published in connection with the centenary celebrations. I shall send a copy as soon as it is ready.

Meanwhile if it is not too much to ask, I wonder whether you will be able to send some details about the work and life of Dr John Matthai at the London School. Photostat copies of any relevant document or papers like written by Dr. John Matthai and photographs will be of immense help and use.

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Dr. Tom Nossiter of the London School of Economics had visited the Dr John Matthai Centre in 1983. Tom Nossiter happens to be a friend of mine and our association started when I was in the Cambridge University in 1970. Perhaps, it will not be a sad idea if you can have a chat with Mr. Tom Nossiter.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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DR. JOHN MATTHAI *
CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

The Chairman and Members of the Dr. John Matthai
Centenary Celebrations Committee request your
presence from 11 a. m.

on Friday, January 10, 1986
at Dr. JOHN MATTHAI CENTRE,
Aranattukara, Trichur

to participate in the Centenary Celebrations
Prof. V. M. Dandekar will be delivering the
JOHN MATTHAI MEMORIAL LECTURE

Shri. K. Karunakaran, Chief Minister of Kerala
has kindly consented to be the Chief Guest

The Function will be presided over by
Mr. Justice K. Bhaskaran

Chief Justice, High Court of Andhra Pradesh

Shri. V.M. Sudheeran, Speaker, Kerala Legislative Assembly
has agreed to release a

Biography of Dr. John Matthai
written by Dr. V. Haridasan

Shri. Duleep Matthai, son of Dr. John Matthai has
kindly consented to accept the first copy of the
Biography

(T. N. Jayachandran)
Vice-Chancellor
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and
Chairman

(N. Purushothaman)
Pro-Vice-Chancellor
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(P. P. Pillai)
Professor & Head of the Dept.
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and
General Convener

Dr. John Matthai Centenary Celebrations Committee

* He was the first Indian to take the D.Sc degree from
the LSE under the guidance of Sydney Webb.

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Dr. John Matthai Centenary Celebrations

Friday, January 10, 1986

The Vice Chancellor of the U of Calicut, Kerala State, India, sent me this. John Matthai was the first Indian to take the DSc from LSE and was guided by Sidney Webb.

Tom Nossiter

Tom

*Box
1913-16
but gives no
dates.*

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28 February 1985

Dear Mr. Purushothaman,

I was interested to receive information recently about the celebrations to mark the centenary of Dr. John Matthai's birth. As Dr. Matthai was the first Indian student to take the D.Sc. degree from LSE under the guidance of Sidney Webb, we are, of course, greatly interested in knowing how his memory continues to live. I would greatly appreciate it if you could please send me details about the activities and aims of the Dr. John Matthai Centre, the centenary celebrations, and the biography of Dr. Matthai written by Dr. V. Haridasan.

Yours sincerely,

John McLoughlin
Alumnus Office

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Now you are getting a little white".¹⁸ The 150 rupees provided by his brother was insufficient for his maintenance, and therefore he had to seek part-time employment to supplement the meagre allowance. This he found in the India Office, London, the seat of the Secretary of State for India. At that time (1913-15) the India Office was planning constitutional reforms in India and John Matthai was employed in collecting materials for the proposed reform, for which he was paid around £ 400 per annum. With that money he was able to lead a modest life in London.

After completing his studies in London, John Matthai went to Balliol College¹⁹, Oxford to obtain the degree of B.Litt. He was interested only in imbibing the atmosphere of Oxford and earning a degree. At that time the Master of Balliol was A. L. Smith, a distinguished scholar of the day. John Matthai had an interview with A. L. Smith when he sought admission and naturally he spoke of his D.Sc. work in the London University. But A. L. Smith had a poor opinion about degrees from the London University and asked John Matthai whether he had any other qualification to claim for admission. He was admitted to Balliol on the strength of his degrees from the Madras University! London University, it may be mentioned, was a recent one and was later made famous by Sydney Webb, Harold Laski and others. The real centres of learning at that time were Oxford and Cambridge. An incident which happened at the time of interview was narrated by John Matthai to a close acquaintance. Matthai was anxious to get admission to the Balliol College and told A.L. Smith: "Sir I have been a rolling stone all along" and Smith replied: "That is good, a rolling stone gathers no moss and so is not spoiled". John Matthai was admitted to the degree of the Oxford University on 28 June 1917.

There were around sixty Indians at Oxford at that time. Some of them became famous later, such as P. T. Rajan, K. M. Panikkar and Dewan Chamanlal. Apart from K. M. Panikkar, there were two other Malayalees as well—V. K. Krishnan Thampi, a brother-in-law

of the Maharaja of Travancore and V. K. Raman Menon, a son of the Maharaja of Cochin. As a student he took an active part in the debates of the Oxford Union Society. He was in the opposition group and the members of the opposition decided to make fun of the ruling group whenever a debate took place. He told one of his acquaintances later that he used the same tactics sometimes in the Indian Legislature to disarm the opposition.

After completing the studies at Oxford, John Matthai made a study of co-operative movement and spent about a year in Ireland under Horace Plunkett, the famous exponent of co-operative movement. It was strongly rumoured at that time that he was being considered for appointment as a Private Secretary to the Secretary of State for India, but somehow it did not materialise. Had he been appointed, he would have been able to influence the policy of the Secretary of State to the advantage of India and its people. But that was not to be. His destiny lay elsewhere. John Matthai returned to India in 1918.

John Matthai had gone to England for higher studies; he returned with a vast deal more than the two degrees he earned. The experiences in England and Ireland were to stand him in good stead in later years. His independence of thought and action and the determination to push on regardless of and despite seemingly overwhelming odds were forged on the lawns of Oxford, in the corridors of India Office and the craggy recesses of Ireland. His wit and knack of quick repartee were sharpened in the forums of the Oxford Union Society. When his original allowance dwindled, he took a part-time job; when he had no one to turn to, he decided to help himself. All these traits were no doubt already there in him; only they were turned to a vibrant pitch by his experiences abroad. The job at the India Office, though only a part-time one, gave an insight into the problems afflicting his motherland from an entirely new angle. It made him a more complete man: self-reliant and confident.

18. 'As I look back', John Matthai, the Times of India, Bombay 13-8-1956.

19. *Balliol College*:—It is one of the oldest colleges at Oxford University. It was founded by John Balliol in 1263. The oldest buildings date from 1430. Among the famous Balliol men are: John Wycliffe, Adam Smith, Mathew Arnold, Swinburne, Benjamin Jowett, Milner, Lord Curzon, William Temple, Aldous Huxley, Arnold Toynbee and Harold Macmillan.