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Both the **La Martiniere Schools** came out with good results. More than 51% scored over 90% in both exams. The overall marks average of the schools was 88%. Glory to God

(Letter from Presbyter)

The Holy Spirit is given

"In the last days", God says, "I will pour out my Spirit on all people...sons and daughters...young men... old men... servants, both men and women. I will pour out my Spirit in those days and they will prophesy" (Acts 2:17,18, compare Joel 2:28-30)

Fifty days after the Resurrection of our Lord, the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the praying disciples who had gathered together in one place and had been praying for ten days after the Ascension. *"Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them."* (Acts 2:2-4) Now there were God-fearing Jews from every nation in Jerusalem. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. They were Galileans but they were speaking in their own tongues. *"We hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!"* (Acts 2:11)

Peter got up and began explaining to this expectant crowd that these people had received the promise of the Holy Spirit that had been prophesied by the prophet Joel (2:28-30). He told them that Jesus of Nazareth was a man qualified by God by miracles, signs and wonders as they knew. But they with the help of wicked men had put him to death by nailing him to the cross. *"But God raised him from the dead, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him."* (Acts 2:24) God had raised Jesus to life and they were all witnesses of this fact. *"Exalted to the right*

hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear." (Acts 2:13) And he said, "Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ." (Acts 2:36)

When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" (Acts 2:37). Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." (Acts 2:38). Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. (Acts 2:41)

From this time forth, the apostles and believers went everywhere preaching about the resurrected Jesus, his forgiveness, love and grace.

In 1904 there was a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the world. It happened in Azusa Street, Los Angeles, Wales (UK), Pyongyang, Korea and even in Maliyapota, West Bengal. The twentieth century has seen a revival of the power of the Holy Spirit. We believe that in the twentyfirst century there will be an even greater outpouring of his Holy Spirit as God has promised. Let us believe, receive and act. "Anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these" (John 14:12)



Congratulations!

This year we are very happy to announce that Brandon Murray, Sylvester, Bevan, Jonathan Nyss and Sakchi Arora have passed in the ISC and ICSE. May God bless their future lives.



Work in the **Scottish Cemetery** continues to take place side by side with more children and women being trained. Here is a drawing by a child





The Flower Service of the Dr. Graham's Homes Kalimpong took place in our church on 8.5.15. This is a service which commemorates the works and lives of the Rev Dr. John Anderson and his wife Mrs. Katherine Graham who both died on 15th May but 23 years apart. Mrs. Graham who died first in 1919 was responsible for her work among the women of Kalimpong and for establishing the 125 year old Kalimpong Girls High School. Dr. J.A. Graham besides establishing the Homes in 1900 for Anglo-Indian children had also worked as a Scottish Church missionary and worked in the hills of Kalimpong. The service of laying on of wreaths takes place in the Garden of Remembrance in the Homes, Kalimpong. Our Flower Service had been beautifully prepared by Mr. Bernard T. Brooks a former Headmaster and Principal and circulated by the Grahamite Association, who shared with the congregation the famous 'buns and jelabies'. Dr. Gillian Hart, the new chairperson of the Homes Committee did a reading and met the Association after the service.

Ordination in our Diocese

Mr. Philip Gupta, Mr. Arpan Makhal, Mr. Sanjib Bishoi and Ms. Lopamudra Mistry were ordained to the Diaconate by the Rt. Rev Ashoke Biswas on 1.5.16 in St. Thomas' Church, Howrah. There was a great rejoicing on this occasion as the Liluah congregation of this church was also celebrating their centenary. There was dancing and a dinner for the presbyters. This is a beautiful church in our diocese. Mr. P.C. Daniels is the Principal of the St. Thomas' Church School. Let us pray for our new deacons.



