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MOTTO, LOGO & STATUE

Motto

The Motto of the college “*YE SHALL KNOW THE TRUTH AND THE TRUTH SHALL SET YOU FREE*” is taken from the Gospel according to St. John 8:32.

Logo



The 'Logo' of the college is a "Lotus flower with a lighted candle in the center". It symbolizes charity, purity, simplicity and above all truth fullness. The lighted candle symbolizes dissemination of knowledge to dispel the darkness of ignorance.

TRIUMPH OF TRUTH

(ST. GEORGE AND THE DRAGON)



“Saint George and the Dragon” is a symbolic figure, representing the perpetual war between Good and Evil and the ultimate victory of the former. It is an allegorical expression of the triumph of Truth over Falsehood, Good over Evil and Knowledge over Ignorance.

Saint George is a semi-historical and semi-legendary figure of the 3rd century A.D., about whose exploits there are numerous versions. According to Metaphrastes, the Byzantine hagiologist, Saint George was believed to have slain a dreadful dragon near Libya and rescued the dwellers. Later, he was arrested, tortured and executed on account of his Christian faith. According to another legend, Saint George, from Palestine, saved a princess who was about to become a prey to the monster by carrying her on his shoulders. Yet another legend holds Saint George as a prince of Cappadocia who suffered martyrdom in 303. A.D. under Diocletian after long and sustained contests against forces of evil.

During the 6th century A.D., the legends of Saint George became increasingly popular and extravagant as the theme of his exploits came to be represented in art. He has been revered and popularised by the early Crusaders whom he is supposed to have assisted at Antioch. Ancient Greek paintings depicted him as piercing the dragon with his lance, mounted on a winged horse. The legend forms the subject of an old ballad given in Percy’s “Reliques”. Spenser introduced St. George in his “Faerie Queene” as the Red Cross Knight. During the 16th century, Raphael painted the picture of St. George and the Dragon as a symbol of victory of Truth over the Forces of Darkness.

It is but appropriate that our college which aims at seeking the Truth and believes in the dissemination of Knowledge in order to dispel Falsehood and Ignorance should have this statue at its main entrance.