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A nervous Anistas on the point of departure for Holy Cross Seminary.

■ 20th February was a bad day. At the orphanage, Swarupa (postulant sister) scalded herself with a pot of soup; Christina was hit by a motorcycle and broke her arm. At the priory on the same day, Joseph went to hospital with a suspected broken foot and Fr. Brucciani came off his scooter after hitting a dog (the dog just ran off).

■ On 5th March the priests, pre-seminarians and boys waved goodbye to our dear Anistas as he began his journey to Holy Cross Seminary where he will begin his postulancy as a brother of the Society.

Anistas has been an invaluable member of the community for the last five years, not only for his snake catching acumen, but also as a pre-postulant brother. He has worked very hard to look after the boys, to organise the altar servers, to sing the Divine Office, to prepare meals, to do the shopping, cleaning and many other odd jobs.

Our prayers go with him and beg his speedy return as a zealous religious.

■ Passion Week and Holy Week were made very particular this year by an unexpected second monsoon. The grounds of the priory became a vast lake and the boys had to work hard to prepare a way for the Lord.

■ The rain came at a bad time for those farmers who had not harvested their rice too. The price of rice on the global market has almost tripled in the last year but prices are fixed to the small farmers in



Some faithful of St. Anthony's Chapel, Singamparai, on Palm Sunday.

India.

■ The health of Danny the priory dog is in a state of steady decline after having been infected with something similar to



The boys work frantically on Maundy Thursday to build a path to the chapel.

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One of the more unusual Blessed Sacrament processions from the Altar of Repose.

the tetanus bacterium. He twitches uncontrollably and languishes for hours with sorrowful eyes. He will not be with us for much longer. The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away.

- Advanced origami classes were organised to keep the boys busy during the holidays. The first class resulted in the building of two naval fleets which were subsequently sunk under heavy artillery



The Altar of Repose in an office of the priory.



Behold the wood of the Cross.



Christus, heri et hodie.



The Paschal Candle was made at the priory from melted wax and painted at the orphanage by one of the volunteers.