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Debate Club

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YEAR

2015-16

FROM DARKNESS INTO MARVELLOUS LIGHT

Henry Baker College, Melukavu Is a Christian, Minority, Co-Educational, Government-aided Arts and Science College Established In 1981, affiliated to Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, Kerala.

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Annual Report 2015-2016

Teacher Co-ordinators: Dr. Santo Jose, Department of Commerce
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The Debate Club of Henry Baker College, Melukavu enhances the intrinsic art of speaking skills of the students. The club encourages the students to participate in many debates to argue on a particular subject in a formal manner. Debates help the students to think quickly in different perspectives, and to present their thoughts and argue for it in a good manner on socially relevant topics. These exposures mould the students into socially responsible citizens of tomorrow. The club successfully conducted healthy debates on various subjects throughout the year.

The Debate Club of Henry Baker college commenced its activities of the year 2015-16 by conducting a debate on the topic "Human Cloning Should be Legalized" on 21 August 2015 in the college Auditorium at 1.30 p.m. Principal Dr. Aniyamma Varughese delivered an introductory speech. Prof. Korah Jacob, Assistant professor, Department of Economics, Henry Baker College Melukavu, served as the Moderator of the debate. The Judges were Prof. Annie Mary Francis, Department of English, Prof. Beena Paul, Department of History and Prof. Justin Jose, Department of Commerce. After the opening statements, each side

presented their arguments. Heated arguments on the tolerability and necessity of Human Cloning was raised in the debate. Some believed that human cloning is extremely dangerous and should not be legalized. While, others welcomed such a development and considered it as a boon to humanity. The debate also raised questions of human and fundamental rights, population growth, and some ethical issues. There were sixteen participants. The Department of Physics and Department of Commerce won the first and second prizes respectively.

A debate on the topic “Same-Sex Marriage Should Not be Allowed” was held on 12 January 2016 at the Seminar Hall at 4.00 p.m.. Prof. Paul Mathews, Assistant professor, Department of English, Henry Baker College was the moderator. Prof. Korah Jacob, Department of Economics, Prof. Dona Sebastain, Department of English and Prof. Shinu Thomas, Department of Commerce were the judges. Twenty students actively participated in the debate. The affirmative side argued that same-sex marriage should be not be allowed as it is against the law of nature. But the opposing side argued that as same sex marriage is a fundamental human right and it should be legalized. They put forward the statement that, the populace should be permitted to tie the knot each other irrespective of their genders. The students of the Department of English and Commerce bagged the first and second prizes.

A debate on the topic “Does Tourism Destroy our Eco system?” was held on 23 February 2016 in the auditorium at 1.30 p.m. Prof. Soumya Paul, Department of Malayalam, Henry Baker College, Melukavu served as the Moderator. Prof. Dona Sebastain, Department of English, Dr. Disha V. J, Department of Chemistry and Prof. Ashley Mereena Mathew,

Department of Commerce were the judges. There were twelve participants. They discussed both the positive and negative sides of the tourism. The affirmative side raised the mounting fears about the impact of mass tourism. They expressed their concerns about whether tourists are actually destroying our eco-system. The opposing side argued for the economic and social benefits of eco- friendly tourism. For them tourism and the environment can be mutually supportive. The students of the Department of History and the Department of Commerce bagged the first and second prizes.

