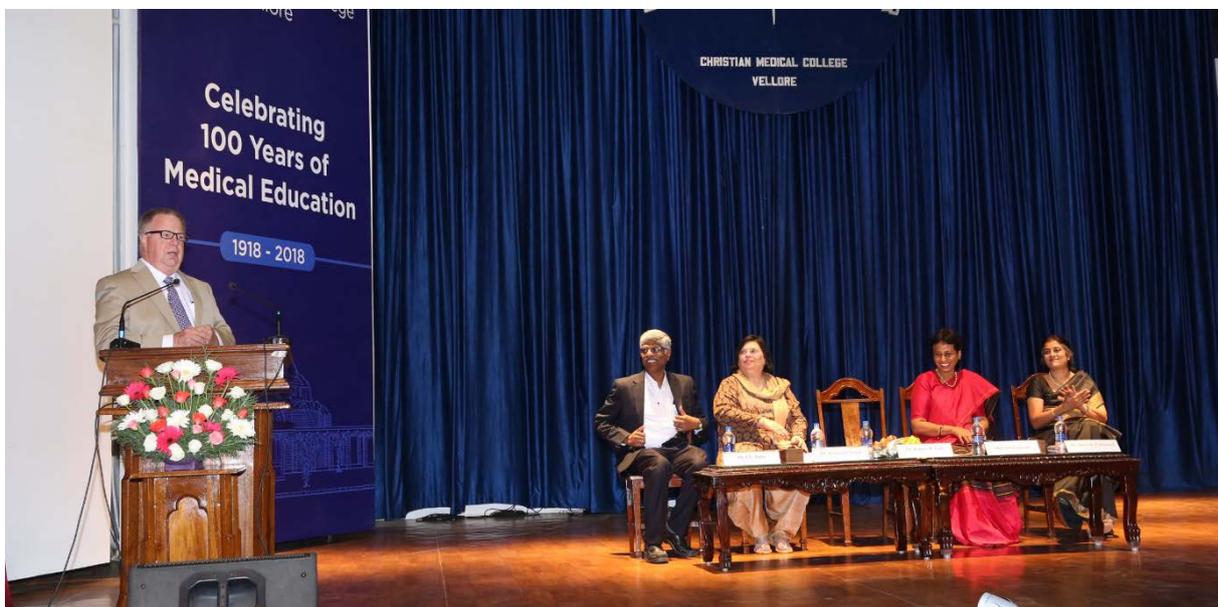




Dr. Robert Fish delivers 7th Scudder Oration, honouring the legacy of Ida B Scudder

Dr. Robert H. Fish, the closest living relative of our founder, Ida Scudder, delivered the seventh Dr. Ida S. Scudder Humanitarian Oration - 'Honouring the legacy of Dr. Ida Belle Scudder' - on the 9th of August, at the Scudder Auditorium, in College Campus. Dr. Fish is grand-nephew to Ida Scudder and nephew to her niece, Ida B. Scudder, who pioneered Radiology and Radiotherapy in CMC.



Dr. Fish, who said he was very close to his aunt, Ida B, brought to life a woman who followed her fearless Aunt Ida to India, overcoming initial self-doubt to become a dynamic doctor, with seemingly limitless energy matched only by her unbounded concern for the poorest of the poor. He spoke of his intelligent, versatile and impassioned aunt who excelled in various fields like Paediatrics, Obstetrics, General Medicine and ENT, finally settling on Radiology in response to the needs of patients.

Dr. Fish, a dentist, who was inspired by his aunt's example of a life of service, has been a pillar of support to the outreach work of both CMC and the Scudder Memorial Hospital, at Ranipet. He has a passion to ensure that even the most deprived can have access to good quality dental care, and has put that into action both through his voluntary service in the US and Honduras, and through enabling the establishme-



nt of dental clinics in the LCECU, Shalom and in Ranipet.

One Step at a Time: The Birth of the Christian Medical College, Vellore, a book by Dr. Reena George, Head of the Palliative Care Unit, was also released on the occasion. The book which traces the history of the College, is a carefully researched and well-illustrated account that will serve as a valuable addition to the published resources about CMC.



The Medical Superintendent, Dr. Prasad Mathews, the Director, Dr. J. V. Peter, the Chair of the Vellore CMC Foundation at New York that co-organised the event, Dr. Honorine Ward, the Chair of the Oration Committee, Ms. Emma Koshi and the Principal, Dr. Anna B. Pulimood spoke on the occasion. Dr. Peter presented a citation and Dr. Pulimood, a memento to the speaker.

