

## ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION.

( I )

The third general meeting of the Economics Association came off on Saturday, the 18th of July last with Prof. D. N. Mookerjee, in the chair. Following was the item of business :—

(1) Selection of an Essay to be read at the next sitting of the Association.

2) Submitting of accounts of funds collected, and expenses made there of, by the Treasurer.

3) Miscellaneous.

On taking the chair, the President first enquired as to whether any arrangement was being made by the College Authorities, for the purpose of contributing to the Desha-bandhu Memorial Fund from the college. In reply, S<sup>r</sup> Sailesh Chandra Das Gupta stated that on his approaching the Principal, he had been informed that the matter was under full consideration and that the Principal was contemplating a gathering of the College Students, very soon, at the University Institute Hall, whence, the money collected, would be forwarded to the Deshbandhu Memorial Fund. Next, the topic for the selection of the Essay, having arisen, the President proposed that a criticism, both in English and in Bengali, of the recent publication of the annual report of the Government of India might be attempted. S<sup>r</sup> Sailesh Chandra Das Gupta offered to write a paper in the vernacular on the Subject while the same in English was taken charge of by S<sup>r</sup> Tarak Nath Banerjea. Thus the matter of selection being over, the Treasurer gave an account of the funds at his disposal as also of the expenses incurred thereof in buying books for the Library. He next complained to the President that funds were not adequately collected by all the Collectors with the exception of Mr. Tarak Nath Benerjea. He also added that he himself, on approaching members for funds had met with ridiculous remarks from some of them and that under the

above circumstances it was not possible for him to collect subscriptions.

Then the President rose and in inspiring language asked the Treasurer not to be in a despairing mood. He also offered him his help in the matter of the collection of funds. Next, an amendment in the regulations was proposed by him that the Association instead of sitting once a month, should have, in the course of a month, at least two sittings, which was unanimously carried.

Thus the work for the day being at an end, the President declared the meeting over, and the members retired at about 4. P. M.

In conclusion, I would like to draw the attention of the members to the following facts —

This is an Association, started for the benefit of those whom it concerns and not for the public. So, it can claim to enjoy their generous patronage in the matter of payment of subscriptions and also of regular attendance, in both of which, nearly all the members seem lacking. I hope that from this time forth, they will kindly shake off this indifference and the Association will be able to enjoy their patronage as before.

## II

The fourth general meeting of the Association came off on Saturday, the 15th of August last, in Room No 3 at 3. 10. p.m. Prof D. N. Mookerjee M.A. presided. The programme was as follows :—

1) Placing on record the feeling of deep sorrow and regret at the premature death of Mr. S. C. Kumar, a member of the Association.

2) Submitting of the resignation letter of the Treasurer for acceptance by the Association.

3) Election of a new Treasurer in case of the resignation being accepted.

4) Reading of the Essay "Criticism of the Annual Review published by the Govt. of India in 1924-25." by Mr. Tarak Nath Banerjee.

On taking the chair the President expressed his heartfelt sorrow at the death of Sj. Sudhir Chandra Kumar, who was one of the members of the Association. He dwelt on the student-career of the deceased so far as he was acquainted with it and then at his proposal, the following resolution was passed by all the members standing,—

“This Association places on record its deep sense of sorrow and loss at the premature death of Mr. Sudhirchandra Kumar, a member of the Association.”

After this, the resignation letter of the Treasurer came up for disposal. The resignation was accepted and Sj Kalipada Banerjea was duly elected in his place. Next, Sj Tarak Nath Banerjea who was to read the essay asked for time, as he was not fully prepared. Then the President rose and gave a nice little speech which ran as follows :—

“Gentlemen, in starting this Association I had some ideas of my own, about the work of the Association, that it would be of some service to the country. In this connection, I should first ask you to pay a visit to the *Commercial Museum* which is situated near Dalhousie Square. You will then be able to have an idea of the future prospect of the various industries in India by glancing over charts and articles there. These charts, I must tell you, are highly appreciated by the Government, and those who prepare them are rewarded. You may, if you have a good hand in drawing, prepare such charts of various industrial productions as also of the population of the country. When the Association was first started, the members, for some years, showed great interest in the affairs of the Association, by drawing such charts and writing valuable essays which were highly spoken of by many University professors. But, I regret to say that most of the present day students are growing indifferent to these things now-a-days. But, you should note, my friends, that in doing all these things, you not only add to your own stock of knowledge but can also be in touch with all the economic conditions of India. Lastly, I would ask you to have a photo of each

member of the Association if the fund permits; if not, then you may have at least a group photo of the office-bearers of the Association and thus there may be a link between yourselves and the future workers. You may, also, hold an anniversary of the Association where you may invite prominent persons, and essays may be read. You may invite your old friends of the Association and thus show a feeling of social brother-hood which is one of the prominent characteristics of the advancement of a country in its way to higher civilisation."

Then on the motion of S<sup>r</sup> Tarak Nath Banerjee, the meeting was adjourned till the 29th of August, when S<sup>r</sup> Banerjee said, he would be able to produce his Essay.

The President then declared the meeting at an end and the members retired at about 4 P.M.

SHOILESH RAY

Secretary.

## COLLEGE ATHLETICS.

We regret to say that the College Athletic Club is not rendering a good account of itself. Last March a Hockey Club was formed which fell through for want of regular players. We cannot believe that in a College consisting of more than 1500 boys a set of eleven good players cannot be found. But the fact is our boys do not now take any interest in the College Athletics because they do not feel for their College—and nothing can be more regrettable than this considering that they are given all reasonable facilities. But the student life here as elsewhere is now characterised by a dullness and inactivity which is surely lamentable.

The same tale is being repeated in foot-ball as in Hockey. We have a very weak team consisting of irregular amateur players, and we are losing almost every game this session. We lost the Elliot Shield to Presidency College by a goal