

## NOTES.

The College closed for the Puja Vacation on the 19th September and reopened on the 21st October, but closed immediately on the reopening day as a mark of respect to the memory of Prof. Harendranath Mitra, Senior Professor of Botany of our College, who died on the 29th September, and whose untimely end is felt as a terrible calamity by the staff and students of the College. It is sad that we should meet after the *Bijoya* under the shadow of this mighty calamity, but man has no hand over his destiny, and we must look for strength, support, and consolation to Him who is the shaper of human life. May He give peace to the soul of Harendranath and consolation to his widow, friends and relatives.

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"Beautiful in life, how beautiful in death!"—this after all must be pronounced upon Prof. Harendra Nath by those who knew him intimately. Sore-tried in the struggle for existence even at the early age of thirty-nine, the rugged paths of the world wounding his feet, perhaps he needed the rest which he now enjoys. When we think of this heroic spirit we are at once reminded of the beautiful lines of the poet :

"His life was turning, turning,  
In mazes of heat and sound ;  
But for peace his soul was yearning,  
And now peace laps him round."

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On Thursday the 22nd October, the staff and students of the College assembled in a meeting to pay their respects to the memory of Prof. Harendranath Mitra. The College Hall was packed to overflowing, eloquent tributes to the genius and character of the deceased were paid by the Principal and other members of the staff. A condolence resolution was passed in awful silence, all standing. After this a representative committee of teachers and students was formed for the purpose of raising funds to perpetuate the memory of the deceased. The

Editor is in a position to state that contributions from the staff have already come up to about Rs. 300 (including the Principal's handsome donation of Rs. 100), and it is hoped the response from the students will be equally warm.

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As a mark of respect to the memory of Principal Saradaranjan Roy, M.A. of Vidyasagar College, Calcutta, our College remained closed on the 3rd November. Principal Roy was a man of extraordinary erudition, and a profound scholar in Sanskrit. His researches in Sanskrit lore won for him an all-India reputation; nay, they added to the glory of his province. He was the pride of both young and old, and his death will be mourned all over the country.

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We congratulate Dr. Pravatchandra Sarvadhikari (one of our old boys) as well as ourselves on the unique distinctions he has received abroad. He has been the recipient of the Huxley Memorial Gold Medal and Scholarship and Dixon Scholarship of the University of London for a Thesis relating to Biological Problems. Further it is announced that he has passed the D. Sc. Examination of the London University, his thesis receiving high commendation of the examiners, and that he has been selected for the Post of Professor of Botany, University College, Ceylon. It may not be out of place to mention here that Dr. Sarvadhikari graduated from our College in 1918. He is the son of the late Prof. Krishnaprasad Sarvadhikari, and is the nephew of Sir Devaprasad Sarvadhikari. He has added to the glory of his Alma Mater, and we shall watch his future career with great interest.

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It is gratifying to note that one more student of our College has won a Senior Scholarship. The Calcutta Gazette of the 8th October announces that a Second-Grade Senior Scholarship has been awarded to Sriman Satishchandra Chakravarti who passed the last I. Sc. Examination from our College standing 15th in order of merit.

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Since the announcement in the last issue of this magazine our College boys have contributed a further sum of Rs. 20-8-3 only to the Deshbandhu Memorial Fund.

### THE COLLEGE UNION.

The 3rd sitting of the COLLEGE UNION came off on Saturday the 7th November at 6-30 P.M. in room No. 4. The attendance was poor which is rather regrettable in view of the fact that it was the first gathering of the staff after the *Bijoya*. Some items of business relating to the Provident Fund were first transacted, and then the members heartily engaged themselves in a lively chat. No paper was read, but the absence of any intellectual treat was made up for by the sumptuous repast that was served by the Secretaries. So the Lord gave 'us our daily bread,' and we came home late at night in a merry mood.

The College Union held its 4th sitting on Saturday the 19th December at 6-30 P.M. Most of the members were absent. The few that had gathered together, however, thoroughly enjoyed themselves and went home after a heavy dinner.

### HOSTEL AND MESS NOTES.

The seventh Anniversary of the Canning Hostel Union came off on the 10th of September, Mr. H. S. Shurwardy, Deputy Mayor of Calcutta, presiding. The Hostel Hall was tastefully decorated, and the occasion was graced by the presence of a large number of professors and other distinguished visitors, besides the Hostel boys, old and new. There was a varied programme of songs, recitations, comic sketches, and the staging of selected scenes from Bengali dramas, and each item was produced with uniform success. The President in a nice little speech exhorted the students to be the true sons of India, for he considered that was the best way of showing respect to the memory of Deshbandhu Chittaranjan who presided over the anniversary of the Union last year (reference to which had been made by Mr. Deven Sen, Secretary of the Union). After a