

## SOCIAL ENTERTAINMENT ON THE EVE OF THE LONG VACATION.

At a general meeting of the STUDENTS' UNION held a month before the closing of the college for the Long Vacation, a strong committee of students and Professors was formed for the purpose of giving a social entertainment on the eve of the vacation, so that all might part for the long three months with a cheerful heart. Our College closed on Thursday the 9th April and the Entertainment came off on Sunday the 5th April on the College grounds. We are greatly indebted to our beloved Professor Sj. Rajkumar Chakravarti for his enthusiasm and encouragement which enabled us to hold a social gathering at the parting hour. The proceedings began just at 7 P.M. with our revered Principal in the chair. A large number of our respected professors and teachers also graced the happy occasion with their presence. The college premises were tastefully decorated, and the students began to flock there long before the proceedings commenced till the space was packed up completely by 6-30 P.M. There was a varied and highly entertaining programme of songs, recitations, comic sketches, magic, acting of selected scenes from the famous Bengali dramas etc; and we are rather proud in so far as the audience watched the performance with vivid interest and great delight. The proceedings commenced with an opening song of the late Mr. D. L. Roy. Next followed a Sanskrit recitation, and then selected scenes from 'মেবার পতন', 'কর্ণাজ্জুন', 'বহে বর্গী' and 'প্রতাপাদিত্য' were staged. It is difficult, if not improper, to make specific mention of one or two items when every item was produced with uniform excellence. Yet the humorous acting of the players in the comic sketches of 'শুকঠাকুর' and চিকিৎসা বিজ্ঞান, which made the audience roll in laughter, deserves special mention here. The most remarkable feature in the whole function was the muscular control exhibited with great skill by a student of the 1st year A. Space does not permit us to describe all the items one by

one, but on the whole it must be said that the function was a great success and made a vivid impression on the minds of the audience. The Principal in a nice little speech congratulated the students on their organising and managing the whole affair so well within such a short time. The closing song over, the proceedings came to a close at 10 P.M. with a vote of thanks to the chair.

A STUDENT.

### BOTANICAL EXCURSION TO DARJEELING.

Our party consisting of the B. A. & B. Sc. students of Botany started on a botanical excursion on the 15th April at 3-24 P.M. by the Assam Mail with Prof. Anutosh Das-Gupta. Our revered Principal gladly paid all our passage to and from Darjeeling. We had scarcely travelled an hour when we were overtaken by a severe rain-storm, and some of us got badly wet in the carriage. But the weather cleared up again very soon, and the refreshing effect of the rain was greatly appreciated. Owing perhaps to the oscillation of the train, or having nothing to do we felt hungry a little too soon, and partook of a sumptuous tiffin. Towards evening the train passed roaring over the great Sara Bridge which some of us had not seen before. The bridge is one and one-eighth miles in length, and is regarded as one of the finest feats of engineering skill in the annals of the Indian railways. We are told that at high flood level about two and a half million cubic feet of water pass under it at every second. On both sides of the river we noticed large tracts of the sand-banks covered with acacias. At Parbatipur Junction the broad-gauge ceased, and we changed for the Siliguri train. We found tea and refreshments at the stall, and some of us refilled the empty spaces in their stomach. Some friends who used the tap