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THE MONTH.

The College and School re-opened after the Puja holidays on the 31st October and the classes began as usual on the same date.

The time of one year allowed by the Universities Act for the Senate to submit Regulations for the approval of the Chancellor having expired on the 1st September last, an extension of six months was asked for and allowed by the Government of India. We understand that the various Committees appointed for the purpose of drafting Regulations have not yet all submitted their Report. The Senate however is doing its best to finish the work within February

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next by meeting almost every Saturday to discuss and formulate the Regulations as far as they are ready. We as teachers however have a grievance in this connection. The Senate meets at 11 a. m., a time most inconvenient to the teachers as they have to sacrifice one full day's work to the great detriment of the institutions with which they are concerned. We have no objection to any day of the week but have serious objection to the early sitting of the Senate. We appeal to the Vice-chancellor if he could come to our help.

The provisional committee of Inspection for the Calcutta Colleges consisting of Mr. Kuchler, Mr. James, and the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Mitter came to our College on the 23rd October last. Their visit lasted nearly three hours after which they drove along with the Principal to one of the College-messes in which they seemed to be greatly interested.

The provisional Committee of Inspection for Mofussil Colleges consisting of Mr. Kuchler, Mr. Arden Wood and Babu Heramba Chandra Moitra have begun their tour of inspection and intend finishing their work by March next.

The question which is now exercising the minds of the members of the Senate is the housing of our College students. As it stands at present, they live either with their parents and guardians, or in messes or in hostels. In these messes and hostels students of different Colleges live together. It is now thought in many quarters that discipline will be better promoted and a sort of College-life secured by making all students other than those who live with their parents or approved guardians, reside in messes and hostels managed on a quite different principle. Each College, it has been proposed, will be required to have messes of its own from which students of other Colleges will be excluded. This principle of residence of College students in exclusive messes has been accepted by the Senate as desirable, provided it may be found practicable.

The State-aided exclusive College messes started in Calcutta during the current session have clearly shown that these messes can not be run on a self-supporting principle as the old mixed messes used to be, unless students pay more than they do now. If they could pay more, the solution of the problem would be very easy indeed. But it is a patent fact that the great majority of our students are too poor to afford this extra outlay. It is also a patent fact that except Government and probably some missionary Colleges, the extra outlay will be a burden too heavy for other Colleges to bear. Under these circumstances, unless the State or the University guarantee this inevitable deficit, the scheme of exclusive messes will be wholly unpracticable. The attention of the Senate is earnestly invited to this aspect of the question, a proper solution of which is anxiously awaited by all interested in the education of our boys. We do not know whether our suggestion of a solution will be accepted by the Senate, but we do know that the scheme has the hearty support of all, provided it lays no heavy financial burden on educational institutions.

Periodicals received in exchange of the College Magazine:—The Dawn and Dawn Society's Magazine (November), of Kámalá and Utbodhana.

A NOTE ON EXAMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENT OF EXAMINERS.

The first and most crying reform is reduction in the number of examiners. This will lead directly to more uniform standards of examination and indirectly to improvement in the examinations themselves, by enabling the University to secure the services of capable and experienced men for each of the Examinations. The appointment of a whole army of examiners as is the present system necessarily brings in not a few incompetent, inexperienced and undesirable men, and the results not unnaturally prove disastrous. The