

OUR EXCHANGES.

Dyal Singh College Miscellany for November. Bankura Wesleyan College Magazine for November. Ravenshavian for October—December. Meerut College Magazine for December. Holkar College Magazine for November. Lalbagh Chronicle for November. Central Hindu College Magazine for December.

THE LATE SIR GOOROODASS BANERJEE.

The event of the month is the death of Sir Gooroodass Banerjee Kt. M. A., D. L., Ph. D., who was not only one of the most distinguished *alumni* of our University but also one of the greatest sons of Bengal, whose demise we should look upon as a national calamity. We can do no better than quote the eloquent tribute that has been paid to the memory of the great man by His Excellency the Chancellor and the Hon'ble the Vice-Chancellor on Convocation-day as well as by His Excellency the Rector on the occasion of the Memorial meeting of the Senate held on the 30th December.

“Among the great men eminent in your records is one who has passed away during the last few days and whose loss casts a gloom over our proceedings. The memory of Sir Gurudas Banerjee the first Indian to be selected as your Vice-Chancellor, will long be cherished among you. His image will rise to your minds as that of one who, even in extreme old age, retained a buoyancy of demeanour, an alertness of intellect, which one looks to find among men entering on the prime of life. More than that, he was a living refutation of the view that Western lore is incompatible with Eastern simplicity and manners. He had drunk deeply at the wells of Western thought and science. Yet he held firmly to all that is best in the civilization wherein he was born. He has left an example to us all,—modest, untiring, cheerful and large-hearted to the end.”

“By the death of Sir Gurudas Banerjee the University has sustained a great loss. He was appointed a Fellow of the University in 1879 and

he served as Vice-Chancellor from 1890 to 1892. His interest in the University and in all connected with it was unlimited, and his zeal for its welfare was unbounded. There is no doubt that we have lost a great and valued friend, and the students, who were his particular care, will bewail his death. He was a great scholar and a man who devoted his whole life whether as a Judge of the High Court or in other capacities, to the public service, and he will always be remembered as one of the foremost men of his time. But by those who knew him personally, his memory will be treasured mainly on account of his engaging personality, his simplicity and sincerity, his unfailing courtesy and kindness of heart. Truly he was a great gentleman ; let the memory of him remain with us as an example of how a man's life should be lived."

"I should like to place on record my own sense of the great loss which Bengal has sustained in the death of Sir Gurudas Banerjee. One of the greatest assets which a country can possess is the example of the lives of its great men and it is fitting, therefore, that the country should see that their memory is perpetuated and, if I may say so in passing, it seems to me particularly appropriate that the University should take the lead in this matter. But if there was one subject more than any other with which the late Sir Gurudas Banerjee was identified, I should say it was the subject of the educational development of this country. A brilliant scholar himself, he took a keen interest and played a conspicuous part in the development of education in Bengal. He was the first Indian Vice-Chancellor of the University of Calcutta. He was a member of the Indian Universities Commission in 1904. He was a man of extraordinary versatility. There is no need for me to refer to his fame as a lawyer which is wide-spread. He was, I believe, a fine mathematician and as such, naturally took a great interest and was, one of the prime movers in founding the Association for the Cultivation of Science in Calcutta. He was an ardent admirer of Bengali literature and he was a profound student of the Hindu scriptures. He was a man of wide sympathies himself. His own social views, I believe, were strictly orthodox and he was naturally a keen supporter of the scheme for the Hindu University in Benares. All these activities are examples of the tremendous and abiding interest which he took in educational matters. He was one of those men to whom his country owes a deep debt of gratitude, and it is right

and proper, therefore, that his fellow countrymen, who mourn his loss, should take such steps as are appropriate permanently to mark their appreciation of his life and his example."

CRICKET.

The session 1918-19 marks an epoch in the annals of the College Sporting Club. Hitherto the College had no cricket team to boast of. The question was taken up this year by Prof. Panchanan Mitra, the popular Vice-President of the Sporting Section and a meeting was convened in which it was decided to start a cricket team. Our venerable Principal gave a warm approval to the proposal and placed a handsome amount of money in the hands of the Club for the purchase of cricket-gear. The office-bearers for the session 1918-19 were also elected in the same meeting. Prof. S. Chaudhury who was one of the best all round sportsmen of his time very gladly consented to be the pilot of our team. The following were chosen as the office-bearers :—

President	Principal G. C. Bose.
Vice-President	Prof. P. Mitra.
Captain	Prof. S. Chaudhury.
Hony. Secy.	Saileswar Bhattacharyya.
Vice-Captain	Narendrakumar Das.
Game Instructor	Aparnakumar Roy Chaudhury.

The team was started in right earnest and matches were arranged with many recognised Clubs and College teams. But we regret that almost all the matches which were arranged for the months of November and December had to be postponed on account of the Influenza Epidemic which raged during the period.

We played a few matches when the College was closed but did not meet with much success as we could not put in a representative team. Prof. Chaudhury captained the team in all the matches. Prof. D. R. Banerjee also played in one of the matches. We expect to play several matches on the re-opening of the College and with the best possible players available and Prof. Chaudhury as leader we shall, it is hoped, be able to give a good account of ourselves.

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