

## QUARTERLY REPORT OF THE LITERARY BOARD, STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION.

The Literary Board is steadily progressing. More than fifteen papers are subscribed to by students of the different classes. Out of three dailies, one is English—"Liberty", and the other two are Bengali—"Basumati," and "Bangabani." The periodicals and the magazines are placed on the table of the common room of the college, the small room of the Lit. Board being too insufficiently commodious for the daily increasing number of readers.

But the principal difficulty of the Board still remains unsolved viz the want of a standing and permanent fund. I am given an understanding that the Principal may be induced to make an annual grant to the Board from the College Funds for meeting the expenses of the Board. I take the liberty to suggest one method. The matter may be simplified, if, like other colleges, our Principal makes it binding on the part of every student to pay an annual subscription of as. 8, say, at the beginning of each session, to defray the expenses of the Students' Association, under which the Board works, as well as of the Board itself. Otherwise we are to depend, as hitherto we have done, on the occasional and irregular subscriptions of a minority of the students.

Since January, three general meetings have been held under the auspices of the Board. The first was on 27. 1. 30. under the presidency of our Principal when we invited Mrs. Lotika Basu B. Litt. (Oxon) to read to us a paper on "Modern English Poetry." She also recited some poems from the Georgian poets. The meeting was overwhelmingly attended. Mr. How also graced our college with his presence. The guests and the Professors present were treated to light refreshments at the end of the meeting.

The second meeting was held on 11. 2. 30. with Pandit Abinas Mukerjee in the chair when Prof. P. M. Sengupta read out to us his verse-translations of Kalidas's "Meghdutam" which were highly appreciated.

The next meeting came off on 11. 3. 30. under the presidency of the Principal himself where Prof. J. C. Banerjee read a very interesting paper (published in the magazine) on "Babu English vs. English English" wherein he pointed out many glaring mistakes which Indian students are apt to make as well as many ridiculous blunders from such English writers as Stevenson, Lord Morley, Quiller-Couch and others.

The starting of a regular and well-organised Debating Society under an Advisory Board of Professors is in contemplation. If my friends in the different classes co-operate with us to make the Debating Society a success, it will prove to be of immense good to our alumni.

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