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## Editorial Notes

With the advent of the new session, the college is once more humming with life. There have been new faces in our midst and we extend our heartiest welcome to everyone of them. The old students will be soon busy with the preparation for their University examinations. The burden of continuing the various academic and extra-academic activities among the students will, therefore, fall upon the shoulders of the new-comers. We wish them all success and hope they will be true to the traditions of the college which generations of the alumni before them have built up. Nor should they forget the motto of the college — "*Pranipatena, Pariprasnena, Sejava*" — in their life and conduct both as students of this college and members of the society.

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We offer our cordial felicitations to Khan Bahadur Azizul Huq M.A.B.L., M.I. as the new Vice-Chancellor of the Calcutta University. He is no novice in the work of the University. For years he has been its Fellow. As the Minister of Education of the Government of Bengal during the old régime, he had opportunities of coming in close contact with the University from Dalhousie Square which he will now directly deal with from his exalted office in the College Square.

Troubles and difficulties seem to be almost at the door of the University. What with the unrest among students and what with the relation between the University and the Government regarding the control of secondary education in the province, many problems have already cropped up. We hope the new Vice-Chancellor will face them with tact, courage and foresight which have already made him popular in the Bengal Legislative Assembly where he occupies the chair of the Speaker. The University of Calcutta has its sacred traditions. It is a seat of learning dedicated to the service of the nation. It has always fought for its integrity and academic independence. We trust the new Vice-Chancellor will always act up to those ideals which had been kept up in view by the great Vice-Chancellors who had adorned the chair in the past.

To the outgoing Vice-Chancellor, Mr. Syamaprosad Mookerji we also offer our hearty felicitations on the very successful termination of his tenure of office. Though young in age, he worked like a Hercules during the two terms that he had been in office. Following closely in the footsteps of his distinguished father, the maker of the Calcutta University, he brought about a new life and orientation in its many departments. The new and healthy changes that he introduced in the Regulations and the reforms that he brought about in the courses of studies in the Secondary, Under-graduate and Post-graduate stages are too numerous to be mentioned. Some of them vitally affect our national life and existence for the better. Mr. Mookerjee was also a great success as an administrator. Not for a day during his time the relation between the University and the constituent colleges was anything but cordial. His persistent demands for better finances of the University have at last secured for it large block grants from the government. He leaves indelible marks of his great constructive genius on the University for which the coming generations will be grateful. We are happy to note however that though he has ceased to be the Vice-Chancellor, he will be in the University as a Fellow of the Senate, a member of the Syndicate and of various Boards and Faculties. He will thus have an opportunity to lend the weight and influence of his personality in shaping the programme and policy of the University.

We deeply mourn the demise of two outstanding figures in the educational world of Bengal—a void that can never be filled up. Principal Satish Chandra Chatterjee of the B. M. College, Barisal, died during the last summer vacation at Ranchi. Not only the City College and the B. M. College have greatly felt his loss to which he had given his best, but hundreds of students have been deprived of a “friend, guide and philosopher” by his death. Professor J. R. Banerjee of the Ripon College and of the Calcutta University—more popularly known as Principal J. R. Banerjee on account of his long association with the Vidyasagar College as its Principal—died only the other day, leaving a large circle of friends and generations of students to mourn his irreparable loss. His smiling countenance, suavity of manners, ‘torrential’ eloquence and, above all, his inspiring guidance one can never forget. The two illustrious deceased in whose sacred memory we offer this humble tribute of our respect belonged to a generation that is fast passing away. Education they adopted as the great mission of their life. They not only taught, but inspired and made men. This is what had distinguished them from the rest of the world!

## Ourselves

The college re-opened after the summer recess on the 4th July last. Work commenced in the second year and fourth year classes on the reopening day, and in the newly-formed first year and third year classes on the 18th July. We take this opportunity of extending our hearty welcome to all freshmen.

The staff in English has been further strengthened by the appointment of Mr. Bimal Behari Banerji M. A. (Cal) B. Litt. (Oxon). Mr. Banerji has had a brilliant career in the Calcutta University standing first in the First Class both in the B. A. and in the M. A. Examinations in English. We wish Prof. Banerjee all success.

Our Congratulations to Mr. Jyotsna Kanta Bose, Professor of Anthropology in this College, on his appointment as a Lecturer