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NOTES.

We owe our readers an apology for the late publication of the Winter issue of the College Magazine. The sad and untimely death of Prof. Lalitkumar Banerjee, one of the founders of the Magazine, came to us as a bolt from the blue and made the task of the Editorial Board more arduous than ever. Immediately after his death we thought of publishing a Lalit Memorial number of the Magazine, but sufficient material was not in hand. Hence the delay. We have not yet recovered from the shock we received at the death of Prof. Banerjee who was the life and soul of the Magazine ever since its start, and must apologize again to our readers for the scant service we have done to the memory of so great a man. We hope our readers will realise our difficulty and forgive us.

IN MEMORIAM.

We deeply sympathise with Prof. Nalininath Ghosh in the loss he has suffered at the sad and unexpected death

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of his eldest son, Sm. Sudhir Kumar Ghosh, who was a candidate for the B. A. Honours Examination from our College this year. Sudhir was a brilliant student, and always took an active part in all the activities of his College. To see him was to love him. "Whom the gods love die young"—is our only consolation. As soon as the sad news reached our College, the staff and the students assembled in a meeting at the College hall. Eloquent tributes were paid to the memory of the deceased, and a condolence resolution was passed in solemn silence. May his soul rest in peace.

We regret to announce the death of Sreeman Santinath Mukerjee of the 3rd year Arts Class, and of Gobindo Gopal Roy, a student in Sec. C. of the first year I.Sc. Class, and our deep sympathy goes for the bereaved families.

We know not how to sympathise with Prof. Protul Chandra Ghosh in his recent bereavement. His only son was born on the 19th July and breathed his last on the 7th December, 1929. Riddle of Destiny ! Who can say why this little flower was sent to this earth at all ? In this connection we quote below the lines which were sent to Pratul Babu by Rabindranath Tagore as soon as he came to know of his loss :—

“ধরণীর খেলা খুঁজে শিশু শুকতারা
 তিমির রজনীতীরে এলো পথহারা ।
 উষা তারে ডাক দিয়ে ফিরে নিয়ে যায়,
 আলোকের ধন বুঝি আলোকে মিলায় ॥”

১৮ই ডিসেম্বর ১৯২৯,
 শান্তি-নিকেতন,
 বোলপুর।

শ্রী রবীন্দ্রনাথ ঠাকুর।

Translated by Mr. K. C. Sen I. C. S. Registrar, Bombay High Court :

“To Night’s dim shores, intent on earthly play,
Came Evening’s star-child on his trackless way.
Dawn comes, and calls him back from mortal sight :
Light’s darling passes into vaster Light.”

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Translated by Professor N. N. Roy Chowdhury M. A., B. L. of our College :

“The Morning Star came wandering o’er
For play on earth to Night’s dark shore ;
But Dawn now beacons and calls out right,
The Child of Light goes back to Light.”

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A French Class has been opened in our College (thafiks to the efforts of Prof. A. Das-Gupta), and as many as twenty-six students have already joined the class. It is understood that some members of the teaching staff have expressed their willingness to take lessons in French.

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At a largely attended meeting of the students of our College presided over by Prof. J. N. Chakravarti, a resolution was passed by an overwhelming majority requesting the Principal to recognise the College Students’ Association and to realise from each student a compulsory subscription of eight annas per year. We think this is a move in the right direction. It is our confirmed opinion that a College Students’ Association, worthy of its name, must have all the scholars of the college as its members. If the Principal accepts the spirit of this resolution all the students of the College will become members of the Students’ Association. The resolution

further states that half the money thus realised will be utilised to create a Students' Poor Fund to help those students who are unable to pay their tuition fees, and the remaining half will go to meet the expenses of the Literary Board and the two socials that are held every year by the students of our College. We hope the authorities will kindly see their way to complying with this very just request of our students.

Our hearty welcome to Prof. J. C. Banerjee, late of Patna College, who has recently joined our staff on retiring from Government service. Prof. J. C. Banerjee's profound scholarship is too well known to be mentioned here. We hope he will add to that lustre of our Institution which, alas! seems to be so bedimmed by the death of Prof. Lalit Kumar Banerjee.

We are glad to announce that our College has been affiliated in **Civics** up to the I. A. Standard.

MRS. LOTIKA BASU AT OUR COLLEGE.

At a meeting of the Literary Board of Bangabasi College Students' Association Mrs. Lotika Basu, B. Litt. (Oxon), was invited to read a paper on "Modern English Lyric Poetry." Mrs. Basu was accorded a most cordial and enthusiastic reception when she arrived, accompanied by her husband, Dr. S. K. Basu, and the lecture-theatre was crowded to suffocation. Principal G. C. Bose who presided on the occasion, introduced the distinguished guest to the students and the staff in a neat little speech. Mrs. Basu read her interesting paper for more than an hour amid pin-drop silence, and kept her audience spell-bound not only by her fine