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## THE UNIVERSITY CORPS.

The Government of India have opened out a new career for the Youths of Bengal, irrespective of creed, colour, caste and race. Experience, though very limited, has apparently convinced them that educated young Bengal, if properly handled, may rise to the occasion and prove themselves capable of doing useful work for the country and Government even in the army—a department of public service which had hitherto been a sealed book to them. The army has therefore been thrown open to them and they have been asked to voluntarily enlist themselves. This is an opportunity which ought not to be missed and if now missed will not perhaps arise again. The new army to be formed will not be required to serve outside India, and may not even have to go outside their own local limits.

An informal Committee has been formed in Calcutta of prominent University men to work out a Scheme for enlisting graduates and undergraduates into a "University Corps" and to submit it for approval to the University which in due course will approach Government for ultimate sanction. It is hoped that the graduates and undergraduates whose educational requirements will suffer for their enlistment in the new army will be given educational and other

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facilities of a nature similar to those given to the graduates and undergraduates of English Universities who have enlisted. The new army will be for Home Defence, and if Young Bengal wants to rule the Home, they must be prepared also to defend that Home. A literate army is likely to be a far more useful and efficient organisation for the good of the country and Government than an army composed of illiterate men, hence the necessity for forming a University Corps. The concluding portion of the Commander-in-Chief's speech in winding up the debate on the Defence of India Bill contains a clear statement that if they prove themselves capable and fulfil the necessary conditions, their aspirations for entering into the higher ranks of the army will be favourably considered. On the top of this, Reuter informs us that the Secretary of State for India stated in the House of Commons that the Viceroy had informed him that Indians would be eligible for Commissions in the New Indian Force as soon as they qualify for them. This settles the question which has been agitating the minds of Young Bengal since the first announcement of the Scheme by the Viceroy at the last Council meeting that the Indians will be eligible for enlisting in the New Army.

The Students\* of this College who have volunteered for enlistment or will do so in future are required to submit to the College authorities the names and addresses of their parents or guardians so that the College authorities may put themselves in communication with them.

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### THE MONTH.

The following elections of Ordinary Fellows of our University have received the approval of His Excellency the Chancellor:— Sir Rashbehari Ghosh elected by the Faculty of Law; Mr. B. Heaton elected by the Faculty of Engineering; Dr. P. C. Mitter, elected by the Faculty of Science; Babu Manmathanath Roy M. A. B. L. and Babu Charuchandra Biswas M. A. B. L., elected by the Registered Graduates.