

BANGABASI COLLEGE MESS DEBATING SOCIETY '95

Sir Surendra Nath Banerjee—the father of Indian Nationalism.

Then the President rose, and after thanking S. J. Tinkari Bose, gave a short nice lecture on the subject—suggesting some ideas which should guide present-day Indian politics. He said that the propaganda work which was started by the late Deshabandhu Das, should be carried out throughout the villages with full force and motion, and education, sanitation, trade and commerce should be looked at with great attention by the leaders and the cottage industry should be revived as far as practicable.

The President then selected an Essay, namely “the People of Bengal,” to be written by any member of the Association for reading at the next meeting.

The proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the chair.

HIRA LAL SARKAR,

Hon. Secretary.

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Since our last report was published in the Magazine, our Debating Society has had a steady progress, as will be seen from a short account of it given below. The third sitting took place on August 9, 1925, and a resolution expressing our deep sense of sorrow and loss at the sad and untimely demise of Sir Surendra Nath Banerjee Kt. was passed and a letter of condolence was sent to the son of the illustrious deceased in accordance with the resolution.

Next came off the Anniversary Celebration on September 13, 1925, on the eve of the *Puja* Vacation. Prof. Jitendra Nath Chakravarti presided on the occasion. The superintendents of the Hostel and a large number of our friends and

ex-boarders joined the function. It is practically the Old Boys' Day in the Mess. The following interesting programme of songs, recitations and dramatic performance of some selected scenes, was then gone through:—

(1) Opening song by Sj. Somin Raychaudhury, (2) Address of welcome by the Secy, Sj. J. K. Gupta Roy: (3) প্রার্থনা by Sj. Satyen Sen: (4) সীতা, Act. I. (5) কমলাকান্তের দুর্গোৎসব by Sj. Anil Bose: (6) "ভাব ও অভাব" by Sj. Anil Dutta and Sushil Haider: (7) Hindi Song by Sj. Sudhir Roy: (8) "দেবতার গ্রাম" by Tarapada Ganguli: (9) সীতা (শক্র, লব ও কুশ): (10) উড়িয়া ও বাবু by Sj. Umapati Chatterjee and Gobinda Banerjea: (11) যথাস্থান by Sj. Jiten Roy: (12) বলিতাদিত্য (৪র্থ অঙ্ক): (13) খ্যাতির বিড়ম্বনা: (14) Comic Skit by Sj. Girija Bhattacharjee: (15) Closing Song by Sj. Somin Roychaudhury.

After this, Prof. Chakravarti delivered his presidential speech in the course of which he appreciated the efforts of the boarders in having an Old Boys' Day in their Mess and congratulated the students on the very successful performance they had that evening. The guests were treated to light refreshments and the gathering dispersed late at night.

Fourth Sitting. This being the first gathering of the Society after the *Puja*, the members converted it into a *Bijoya Sammilani* when there was the mutual exchange of greetings and good wishes. There was then the distribution of *Rajbhogs* (a kind of sweet), the expenses of which were shared partly by the Debating Society and mostly by our President and Superintendent, Prof. R. K. Chakraverty to whom our hearty thanks are due.

Fifth Sitting. Subject—Students should not join Politics.

(Debate) Proposer, Sj. Kamaleswar Banerjea.

Opposer, Sj. Bhupendra Nath Biswas.

Sixth Sitting. Subject—There should be compulsory military training in our schools and colleges.

(*Debate*) Proposer, S^j. Gobinda Chandra Banerjee.

Opposer, S^j. Gobindalal Banerjee.

Seventh Sitting. Subject—A single life is a blessing.

(*Debate*) Proposer, Shambhu Chandra Pattanayak.

Opposer, Girija Bhushan Bhattacharjee.

This was the most interesting debate of the session. S^j. Baidyanath Mukherjee, Sailendra Nath Roy, and others strongly supported the motion and the President, Prof. R. K. Chakraverty, in a lengthy speech protested against it on the authority of the *Sastras* and the law of nature. Votes being taken, the proposal was lost by an over-whelming majority.

SUREN SARKAR,

Asst. Secretary.

DHIRENDRA NATH DAS,

Hon^y. Secretary.

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