

Memorial Theatre, and a fund to raise £ 100,000 will be launched shortly. The destruction of the Theatre will not interfere with the holding of the birthday and summer festivals at Shakespeare's birth-place.

### THE COLLEGE UNION.

The College Union held its fifth and sixth sittings respectively on the 20th January and 20th February last. On both the occasions the gathering was small—an unmistakable sign that the members of the Union have ceased to take a keen interest in its proceedings—which is much to be regretted. No paper was read, but there were interesting discussions on diverse topics and the proceedings closed with a sumptuous repast on each occasion. The sixth sitting passed two important resolutions; one was that to perpetuate the memory of their late lamented colleague all contributions from the members of the staff to the H. N. Mitra Memorial Fund should be placed in the hands of the University so as to create an Endowment in order to award every year either a prize or a silver medal to the student who stands first in Botany at the Intermediate Examination from Bangabasi College; the other was a condolence resolution expressing the Union's profound sorrow for the untimely and unexpected death of one of its members, the late Babu Binodebepari Ghosh.

### THE ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION.

#### I.

The First General Meeting of the Economics Association, for the new session, came off on Saturday the 16th January, 1926, under the presidency of Prof. D. N. Mukherjee, M.A., B.L. Following was the item of business:—

1. Election of office-bearers for the new session ;
2. Selection of an Essay to be read at the next meeting ;
3. Miscellaneous.

As a result of voting the following gentlemen were elected office-bearers to conduct the affairs of the Association:—

President—Prof. D. N. Mukherjee.

Secretary,—Sj. Hirral Sarkar.

Asst. Secy.,—Sj. Krishna Chandra Mustafi.

Librarian,—Sj. Bidyut Kumar Sen.

Treasurer,—Sj. Amalananda Ghosal.

#### MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Sj. Nirode Baran Dutt.

„ Fulchand Dey.

„ Radha Krishna Bala.

„ Than Sein.

The President, on taking the chair, gave in inspiring language, a highly instructive lecture which ran as follows:—

“Gentlemen, this is an Association intended for the benefit and well-being of the students whom it concerns; and in starting the Association I cherished a hope that it would be of some service to the country some day or other. I am proud to tell you that in the beginning the students showed excellent zeal of their heart and worked most fervently in the interest of the Association by regularly attending the meetings and writing valuable Essays which were highly praised by the University teachers.

“But I regret to remark that the students are now lacking in their enthusiasm. There is no sign of interest, but they are rather careless in the work of the Association and think it to be their extra work.

“You should remember, gentlemen, that this Association is intended for your benefit and improvement and by writing essays and having them discussed in meetings not only your stock of knowledge and a capacity for speaking English fluently

will be increased but this will lead you to come in touch with University teachers of high authority which will pave the way for your future progress. So, I hope that you will be as good as your predecessors were in the beginning."

Next, the President selected an Essay, viz. "The present political condition of India," to be written by any two members of the Association which would be read at the next meeting.

Thus the work for the day being at an end, the meeting was declared over with a vote of thanks to the chair.

## II.

The second meeting of the Economics Association came off on Saturday, the 13th February, with Prof. D. N. Mukerjee in the chair. The agenda was long.

In the beginning of the meeting the treasurer Mr. Amalanda Ghosal resigned his post of treasurership without showing any remarkable ground for his resignation. He was requested by the President and other members to withdraw it which he declined and the resignation was therefore accepted. The selection of a new treasurer was postponed for the next meeting.

Next S. J. Tinkari Bose read an elaborately written essay on the present political condition of India. His style was lucid and the treatment of the subject scientific.

The essay is however much crammed with facts and details about the political condition as it has evolved and does not suggest anything about the future. On the whole the essay was good and deserves credit.

In connection with the essay Mr. Fulchand Dey—a member of the Executive Committee, observed that there has been some depression in the political condition of India owing to the untimely and premature death of our late hero Deshabandhu Chittaranjan Das. He also expressed his deep sense of sorrow at the death of the late Sir Ashutosh Mukerjee and of the late

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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.

## BANGABASI COLLEGE MESS DEBATING SOCIETY.

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