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THE MONTH.

The labours of the Simla' Committee are over and the Draft Regulations are now awaiting the final sanction of the Government of India. We are completely in the dark both as regards the shape given to them by the Simla Committee and the time when they are to be published. Various rumours are however afloat with regard to the additions and alterations made by the Committee. The whole University world is waiting in anxious suspense for their publication.

We find in the Calcutta Gazette of the 11th instant that Macaulay's two Essays on William Pitt, Earl of Chatham, are included in the list of text-books in English for the F. A. Examination in 1908 in addition to what has been already announced.

We are glad to notice in the Calcutta Gazette of the 4th instant that Makhanlal Banerjee of this College has been declared as having passed the last F. A. Examination in the Third Division. We congratulate our young friend on his un-

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looked-for success. This brings up the number passed by our college to 40. Other students of some other Colleges have now been placed in a division higher than the one in which they originally passed and another has been raised to a higher place in the First Division. Our best thanks are due to the University authorities in general and to the energetic Registrar in particular for the justice and mercy shown to these unfortunate candidates.

The Syndicate have been asked by His Honour the Lieutenant Governor of Bengal to nominate four graduates from among the distinguished M. A's of 1905 and the distinguished B. A's and B. Sc.'s of 1906, for appointment to the Provincial Civil Service in 1906. Applications with certificates of age, physical fitness and moral character, which must reach the Registrar before the 15th August, have been invited. Pass B. A's and Pass B. Sc.'s have been told not to apply.

We informed our readers in August last that a sub-committee appointed by the Senate had recommended the extension of the university buildings by acquiring the present site of the Pataldanga-bazar and of the unsightly *bustee* to the east of of the Eden Hindu Hostel, for which purpose a liberal grant was sanctioned by Government. We have now to inform them that a notification to this effect with regard to the *bustee* lands has been issued in the Calcutta Gazette of May 27th. A similar notification of land acquisition with a view to extend the Patna College buildings has also appeared in the same issue of the Gazette.

We have received the fifth number of the Hindu Spiritual Magazine (a somewhat novel venture in the field of periodical literature), edited by the redoubtable Srijut Sisir Kumar Ghosh of *Patrika* fame. It is amusing to notice that the learned editor, keenly alive as he is to the concerns of the Spirit, is not altogether unmindful of the body, for whilst the cover bears on its face the

title and an account of the scope of the Magazine, it bears on its back advertisements of Doane's Kidney Pills and Edward's Tonic !

Periodicals received since our last acknowledgement :—The Indian Student for May, The Dayanand Anglo Vedic College Union Magazine for June, The Central Hindu College Magazine for July, The *Utbohdhana* for the current Bengali month and the *Sanjibani*.

The Editor of the Calcutta University Magazine has kindly presented us with a copy of a small pamphlet on the 'Study of Sanskrit,' being a reprint of a paper read by Mm. Haraprasad Shastri, M. A., at the Calcutta University Teachers' Association in March last. On the learned questions dealt with in the earlier part of the paper we do not feel ourselves competent to pronounce an opinion ; we are, however, fully in sympathy with the veteran teacher in all that he has said on the deficiencies of the existing system of teaching and examination in the university and on the means of remedying them. We cannot resist the temptation of quoting a few of his remarks with a view to enable our students to form a true estimate of the evils of the existing system. It is a pity that a great deal of misconception on the subject prevails even among people who ought to know better. "I need not dilate on the mischievous nature of keys. *They make the use of dictionaries, grammars and all appliances for self-help in the student unnecessary.* He has simply to memorise, pass and forget. They make it impossible for him to understand a single line of Sanskrit outside his course. He gets a pass and that is all....The teacher should see that the boys work intelligently. He should not simply sit in the chair and examine every day how they have memorised their lesson and then set a new lesson and think that his work is done. *They should be made to do every thing themselves, the teacher guiding them in their difficulties only*" (The italics are ours).