

of people during famines, and why two per cent of the whole population hold beggary as a profession. The paper ends with a stirring appeal to young India to give up slumber and come forward to pay keen attention to the trade and commerce of their once-glorious mother-country.

When discussion was invited on the subject, Sj. Anathnath Sinha supported the views of the essayist and narrated some interesting accounts of the economic condition of India as left by the foreign travellers.

Considering the seriousness of the subject we were on the tiptoe of expectation to hear something weighty from the chair but were much disappointed. The time at our disposal being very short, the learned Professor offered some general remarks on the paper and without entering into details explained in a neat speech how young India is day by day giving up the lethargic slumber.

The meeting separated with the usual vote of thanks to the chair.

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Honorary Secretary.

THE COLLEGE-SCHOOL.

The College-School closed for the Summer Vacation on the 27th of April last, and re-opened on the 25th of June. The annual Gathering and Sports were held, as usual, on the morning of the day the boys dispersed for their Long Vacation. Principal G. C. Bose, being fortunately present in Calcutta at that time, was elected President.

The main school-building was decorated with summer-leaves and flowers, a temporary stage was erected on one side of the school yard, and benches were arranged in lines all around, to provide seats for the boys. The rows of Verandahs on the 1st and 2nd Floors were also utilised as galleries; yet the accommodation was hardly sufficient for all, and many had to remain standing, packed up, in

convenient nooks and corners. It is this want of accommodation that puts the boys under the painful necessity of refusing admission to all outsiders. Guardians and even the former students of our school could not be invited.

The programme of entertainment was—Tea with light refreshments, up to 6 A. M. ; Recitation and Sports up to 9 A. M. ; sherbet, iced and scented, up to 11 A. M.

Tea and refreshment began as early as 4-30 in the morning. Admission to refreshment-rooms was by tickets only. There were separate arrangements for Hindus, Mahomedans and Christians. The increased number of boys in the school department made it a Herculean task indeed for the sixty volunteers to keep everything going on smoothly. The immensity of labour may be judged from the fact that after 5-30 A. M. about half-a-maund of prepared tea was required every ten minutes. This is a movement organised solely by the boys, and it reflects not a little credit on their power of organisation.

The performance opened with D. L. Roy's well-known song of "Bharatharsha." Then came some Sanskrit hymns, followed by extracts, Vernacular and English, the whole winding up with several humorous scenes from dramas. The Sanskrit hymns and the extract "Pravatan," in imitation of Joydev, were very charming indeed and done mainly by students of the middle forms. The lower form boys had also their share of applause in their recitations of short Bengali verses. The higher forms seem to have a mania for light literature, for out of the four pieces taken up by them, only one was from a standard work, namely "Kurukshetra" of Nabin Chandra Sen. We shall be glad to see next year a greater taste for standard literary works. The performance showed however that though the themes were often light and gay, the task of getting them up was exactly the reverse in proportion.

When the recitations were over, there was an interval of some ten minutes to allow the stage to be removed and the ground cleared for the Sports. The audience did not find the interval tiresome, for it was enlivened with songs and music.

The Sports commenced with "Signalling" by two of the boy-scouts of our school. It was a dish not yet rendered nauseating by their sure and constant appearance at every Sport. It was indeed something fresh and agreeable.

The next item was a display of ambulance work in cases of fires and street-accidents simple or grave. The main features were "Fireman's lift" "artificial respiration" "bandaging" and "stretcher work." The whole was adapted from Babu Sudhir Chandra Majumdar's "First Aid to the Injured" (in Bengali) introduced for home-reading in the second class of our school.

The next item was Ground Exercise. There were some ten figures in all. The players did their parts creditably.

The whole performance aptly came to an end with the singing, in chorus, of

" God save the King. "

OUR EXCHANGES.

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- Murarichand College Magazine for February.
- Scottish Churches College Magazine for March.
- Central Hindu College Magazine "
- Mahamandal Magazine "
- Meerut College Magazine "
- D. A. V. College Union Magazine "
- Midnapur College Magazine "
- Kayastha Samachar for March and April (a double number).
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- Central Hindu College Magazine for April.
- Oxford and Cambridge Hostel Magazine for April.