

## THE COLLEGE UNION

The *College Union* held its third sitting in Room No. 4, on Saturday the 23rd September at 7 P.M. The attendance was fair. After some pleasant chit-chat, Prof. Lalitkumar Banerjee delighted the members with another paper on his pilgrimage to Badrinarayan. The paper was highly interesting from start to finish, and we are on the tip-toe of expectation to hear the end, for Prof. Banerjee has kindly assured us that he will read to us the description of his pilgrimage in instalments before these are published in the monthly *Basumati* serially. He deserves our warm thanks for he has kept up the literary side of the Union this year single-handed. After a sumptuous dinner the 3rd sitting of the Union came to an end late at night.

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## THE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION.

### *In Memoriam.*

We are overwhelmed with grief at the news of the sad and untimely death of our friend, S. Sitaldas Bhattacharjee, a student of our College. On Tuesday, the 4th December, about sun-rise his gentle spirit departed for ever. How sad it is that he has thus been cut off in the prime of his life. Sital's manifold qualities of head and heart endeared him to his fellow-students. We find no suitable words to express our sorrow and only mingle our tears with those of his aged parents. Sweet to the sweet and peace to the departed soul!

It is not all : with profound sorrow we have to record the death of four illustrious sons of India, each of whom rose to the pinnacle of glory in different spheres of life.

Death has removed totally from the political horizon of India, when she is passing through a very critical chapter, one of our noblest and most patriotic sons—Lala Lajpat Rai, "The Lion of the Punjab."

The bar is poorer to-day by the sad demise of the Hon'ble Mr. S. R. Das. Untimely death of S. Pijuskanti Ghose of the Amrita Bazar Patrika, a veteran journalist, and of Prof. Jogindra Nath Samaddar, the renowned historian and archeologist—is a great loss to our poor country no doubt.

Soon after the reopening of the college, our association organised a general meeting on Wednesday, the 28th November, to pay homage to the memory of the departed souls. Principal G. C. Bose took the chair. As a mark of respect our college remained closed on the following day.

#### *Our Autumn Social Gathering.*

Long before the Puja Vacation, there was a general air of expectancy in the college, that our students would do something to sweeten the monotonous routine-life of an academic institution and our association did not sit idle. As a fitting prelude to the joys of the Puja Vacation, on Thursday the 11th October, on the College compound, a social gathering was held by the members of our association as in the previous years but this time with a bit more of grandeur, enthusiasm and hilarity. It was rather a grand jubilee, at once pleasant and instructive, including as it did within itself, songs, muscle controlling, comic interludes and representation of three complete dramas viz— "Kula-Gurū", "Lakshman-Barjan" and "Chikithsa-Sankat". Many guests graced the function with their kind presence and valuable encouragement. We thank them with all sincerity we command.

Long before the evening the Collegeyard and the corridors were packed up to the fullest capacity and on

every face the signs of unusual mirth and enthusiasm could be traced. Amidst tremendous uproars the curtain rose punctually at 5-30 P. M. The opening song by Mr. Satish Sen completely charmed the audience and he was followed by Mr. Sushil Das at whose melodious voice the great stir and bustle was hushed into silence. Then followed the skilful display of muscle controlling by Mr. Tara Mukherjee,—it was simply grand. Now Mr. Nani Das Gupta made his appearance and drew roars of laughter from every nook and corner of the vast auditorium, masterfully performing the most amusing 'comic skits'! Then began "Kula-Guru"—the conflict between a rich zamindar and his poor priest. To Sjs. Ajit Banerjee, Sudhir Roy, and Benoy Das Gupta who appeared as "Zamindar" "Priest" and "Gopal" respectively, credit must be given for performing their parts very nicely. Songs of S. Satesh Sen in the role of Baishnav were truly charming and were much appreciated by the audience who became spell-bound as it were.

In "Lakshman-Barjan", S. Ajit Bannerjee as "Lakshman" did very well. Sweet songs of Sjs. Binoy Das Gupta and Labanya Roy as "Laba" and "Kusha" respectively, drew "encores" more than once, from the whole house.

When the curtain rose next time, we found that an accident had occurred to "Nanda" in "Chikithsa Sankat." The play went on smoothly, drawing roars of laughter from the whole house, time to time. It was a grand success, full of fun and hilarity. We are very glad to note that in this display every player did full justice to the parts allotted to him. Specially, S. Subodh Banerjee's fine representation of "Kaviraj" was highly enjoyable. In the last scene, the duet song of the physicians was much applauded. It was thrice repeated after which the curtain fell finally.

With grateful admiration we acknowledge the services of the members of the "Anandalaya Concert Club", who

enhanced the charm of the evening by playing upon their musical instruments. It will not be out of place to mention here that Sj. Tincori Roy of the said club took immense trouble to make the occasion a success. Our heart-felt thanks are due to him.

We are very glad to note that after the performance was over, several silver medals were declared. They will be awarded to the declared persons as early as possible in a general meeting of the Association. We accord our cordial thanks to the donors of these medals, whose names appear below along with those who are to receive them.

(1) Sj. Hiron Bose of Fourth Year Arts declared a silver medal to Sj. Mani Das Gupta.

(2) Sj. Hiron Nandi awarded a silver medal to Sj. Sitesh Sen.

(3) To Sj. Subodh Banerjee four silver medals were declared respectively by Sj. Hiron Nandi, Sj. Prasanta Kumar Bose (an ex-student), Mr. R. C. Das of Haturia and the undersigned. Sj. Lalit Kumar Bose of Second Year 'B' declared a silver medal to Sj. Ajit Banerjee.

The finishing touch was given by treating the professors, actors and volunteers with a sumptuous feast the cost of which was partly borne by the association and partly by the following friends : Messrs Gunen Sinha, Kanak Palit, Lalit Bose and Sj. Hiron Bose who also kindly contributed half a md. of meat.

Here ended our programme. Thus with loud cheering but with heavy heart we proceeded homeward late at night, after an enjoyment of the most innocent pleasures for six hours.

The task of bringing the occasion to a successful end was by no means an easy one. We had to overcome many a difficulty. Time and space do not permit us to give a long list of our difficulties, but we shall mention the most provoking of them. Our chief difficulty was our

pecuniary embarrassment. As our association has no fund of its own we are solely to depend upon the voluntary contributions of the students. We regret that a certain section of our students not only contributed nothing, but kept themselves aloof and tried their level best to induce others to follow their bad example. But we are happy to say that they were in the minority and we were able to ride over the obstacles. Last though not the least difficulty was caused by the sad absence of Sj. Kalyani Roy who was to appear as "Haricharan" in "Kula-Gurn" and as "Nidhu" in "Chikitsa-Sankat," he being unfortunately confined to bed for his serious illness. This news reached us at a very late hour and filled us with despondency. To save us from this dilemma, stepped forward our bold friends, Sjs Khirode Bhattacharjee and Subodh Banerjee. Nothing gives us greater pleasure than to observe that with only an hour's rehearsal the former in the role of "Haricharan" and the latter in that of "Nidhu" nicely acquitted themselves. Indeed their performance was so perfect that the whole audience was taken aback when Prof. J. N. Chakravarti, at the end of the performance, declared that they were "proxies."

Our report of the social gathering will be incomplete if we fail to offer our thanks to all who helped us to win the day. Our thanks go to our venerable Principal, revered Professors, dear President Prof. N. C. Bannerjee, and beloved treasurer, Prof. J. N. Chakravarti, and to Sj. Amrita Lal Bose whose kind presence during the performance encouraged our players to a great extent. When he wished "Good Night" to all who were present, he spoke from the stage very lucidly a few words of approbation to the genius and skill of the players.

We record our cordial thanks to all enrolled volunteers due to whose untiring service the social was a grand success. Amongst those whose names deserve special

mention are Sjs. Prodyot Kumar Sen Gupta (an ex-student), Gunendra Prosad Sinha, Asst. Treasurer, Bholanath Bannerjee and Sushil Roy of 4th Year Arts. The two Asst. Secretaries also helped us a good deal.

To our beloved friend and dear colleague, Sj. Hiron Bose of Fourth Year Arts, Hony. Secretary, College Athletic Club, our debt is simply immense. Not only did he render us most valuable and ungrudging assistance but often he took upon himself the duties and responsibilities of the secretary and identified himself so well that it was clear to all students that he was the life and soul of all healthy movements of the College. The social owes, to a great extent, its success to his unostentatious zeal and untiring energy. On his retirement, not only the Athletic Club will be the poorer, also the Institution will lose a real and sincere worker whose place it will be very difficult to fill up.

Along with this report we publish our accounts of the Autumn Social Fund as submitted by our Asst. Treasurer, Mr. Gunendra Prosad Sinha, and duly passed by the committee for the social.

One word of apology before we stop. We regret, we had not been able to organise during the past months a single general sitting of the Association, in which any interesting paper could be read because of the fact, that we were very busy for organisation and preparation of the Autumn Social.

With this issue of the Magazine our term of office expires. In July last Mr. Indubhuson Mukherjee, the Secretary, resigned his office, and his grave and responsible duties devolved on our feeble and unworthy shoulders. We do not know whether we have been able to do justice to the honour thus bestowed upon us; however, how far we have succeeded it is for our fellow students to judge, but as Secretary we must say that we have not succeeded as satisfactorily as we wished for. But we had the very great

satisfaction of securing the hearty sympathy and active co-operation of the majority of our students and valuable guidance of our beloved professors, and more than this reward we never hoped for.

Once more we offer our most cordial thanks and bid farewell to all our well-wishers.

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### AUTUMN SOCIAL FUND.

#### Account of Income and Expenditure.

RECEIVED FROM				PAID :—			
Class-representatives :—							
	Rs.	As.	P.		Rs.	As.	P.
4th yr. Arts ...	11	4	0	For Stage, Dress			
3rd yr. Arts	17	15	0	and Painting."	45	0	0
2nd yr. 'F'	3	6	0	To Sj. Tincori			
2nd yr. 'E'	14	1	0	Roy, the coach-			
2nd yr. D	5	4	0	ing master ...	5	0	0
2nd yr. 'C'	4	0	0	For Printing In-			
2nd yr. B	4	10	0	itation Cards,			
2nd yr. A	3	0	0	Admit Cards,			
1st yr. E'	3	12	0	and Pro-			
1st yr. D	2	0	0	grammes	24	12	0
1st yr. C ...	3	12	0	For electrifica-			
Prof. N. C. Ba-				tion ...	10	0	0
nerjee ...	5	0	0				
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