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### THE MONTH.

In view of the forthcoming Christmas holidays which will extend longer than usual this year on account of the arrival of Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales in our city on the 29th instant, the Magazine for the current month is published considerably before time. This arrangement will, we doubt not, specially commend itself to the students of the 2nd and 4th year classes, as these classes are not to sit after the recess. We expect our young friends to spend the time that lies before them usefully and well in making themselves ready for the ordeals they will have to undergo in March next.

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The local University will hold a special Convocation on the 5th January next, when the interesting function of conferring the honorary degree of Doctor in the Faculty of Law on H. R. H. the Prince of Wales will be performed by the new Chancellor, whose first act in connection with the University will thus be a very agreeable one.

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We announced in a previous issue that contrary to the old procedure, the Fellows and the Heads of Colleges were requested by the Syndicate this year to recommend competent persons as Examiners. We are informed that another departure from the old system has come about and the Boards of Studies have been requested to select Examiners in their respective subjects from among the persons recommended by the Fellows and the Heads of Colleges. We understand that the ultimate decision lies as before with the Syndicate. The present year's procedure we readily concede is a decided improvement on the unsatisfactory system in vogue in the past. We are however of opinion that the selection should ordinarily rest with the Boards of Studies or Permanent Boards of Examiners subject to the *formal* sanction of the Syndicate.

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On account of the Christmas holidays and in honour of the visit to Calcutta of Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, the College as well as the School closes on Friday the 22nd instant and re-opens on Monday January 8, 1906.

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The last date for filing applications to the Registrar for permission to appear at the next F. A., B. A., and B. Sc. Examinations is February 12, 1906. As these applications must pass through and

be signed by Principals of Colleges, candidates for examination from Bangabasi College are hereby informed that no applications will be received in the College office later than February, 3.

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At a meeting of the Senate held on Saturday the 16th instant, the discussion of the draft regulations for the residence of College students has been postponed *sine die* at the instance of Messrs. G. C. Bose and E. M. Wheeler who had previously submitted to the Senate a joint note on the subject, which we reproduce below.

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We beg leave to invite the attention of the Senate to the consideration that it would be futile and possibly even harmful to draft regulations relating to the residence of students until it has been ascertained whether or not the Government of Bengal will continue to lend financial support to College-messes, and, if it will, on what conditions that support will be given. It is an indisputable fact that College-messes, run on the exclusive line on which it has been held desirable to run them, are not self-supporting. It is equally indisputable that a College making its own arrangements for its own messes runs a considerable financial risk. The College if not aided by Government (or by the University) will thus be liable to considerable loss over its messes. And if a fixed and rigid system of exclusive messes be enforced, it will practically mean the abolition of what are known as private Colleges. We venture to think that those considerations justify the epithet "harmful" which we have used above. In any case, however, the drafting of regulations on these points would prove futile, and that for two reasons. In the first place the uncertainty regarding what may be expected from Government will necessarily force the regulations into a tone of compromise and indecision if the results spoken of above are to be avoided. Exceptions will have to be made and loop holes provided to an extent which will practically nullify the intention of the regulations. In the second place, if it is afterwards ascertained that Government will lend financial support to College-messes, it will

almost certainly be necessary to draft the regulations anew, to satisfy Government conditions hitherto unknown. We suggest therefore that the Senate rest content for the present with having affirmed the principle laid down at its last meeting. That affirmation marks a stage of progress which nothing can undo, and it might be wise to pause—even apart from the considerations herein set forward—in order to watch the results of experiments now being tried and to gather experience on the basis of which regulations may in a short while be satisfactorily drafted. We therefore intend at the next meeting of the Senate to ask for permission to move the following resolution before the discussion of the Rules and Regulations is taken up.—

“That the framing of regulations relating to the Residence of College students be postponed until it has been ascertained whether or not the Government of Bengal will lend financial support to the College-messes, and, if it will, to what extent and under what conditions it will do so; and that the Syndicate be requested to approach the Government of Bengal on the subject.”

G. C. BOSE.

E. M. WHEELER.

*Members of the Senate.*

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We have been favoured with the December issue of the *Central Hindu College Magazine*.

#### ENGLISH AT THE ENTRANCE EXAMINATION—II.

*(Continued from p. 125.)*

We now proceed to deal with the other three methods of teaching a language.

(1) *Study of literature.* The uniform practice of our University in the past with a short departure from it in the seventies of the last century, has been the prescribing