

the 8th instant announces certain alterations in the B. A. English Course both in Pass and Honours for the 3rd Year Class. These late alterations are regrettable in so far as they interrupt class-work when it has been continuing for some time, and what is more serious, they entail an additional expense on our students, the majority of whom are poor.

Our exchanges :—*Pratibha* for *Sravan*, Mahamandal Magazine for July, Ripon College Magazine for May (Vol. II. No. 4), Commilla Victoria College Magazine (Jan., Feb. and March in a single number 1), Dacca Review and *Sammilan* for June, Central Hindu College Magazine for August, Anandamohon College Magazine (Mymensingh) for April, Scottish Churches College Magazine for July, Hare School Magazine for March and Krishnagar Collegiate School Magazine for May.

RECRUITMENT MEETING.

On Tuesday the 31st July a recruiting meeting was held at our College. Amongst those present were the Hon. Dr. Devaprasad Sarvadhikari, Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Suresh Prasad Sarvadhikari, Messrs Biss and Sterling, Principal G. C. Bose and all the members of the College staff. Principal G. C. Bose who took the chair addressed the students in Bengali. He said that the object of the meeting was to explain to the youth of Bengal the necessity of responding to the sacred call of the Empire to join the army. He further told the students that India had been so long crying for self-government under the British Empire and the day had come when young Bengal should prove that she was worthy of her ambitions. It was not only that they should learn to govern themselves but also that they should be able to protect themselves ; and, for that purpose they required training, and the day had come when the Government was inviting them to have that training, and they should not lose such an opportunity.

Dr. Sures Prasad Sarvadhikari explained the aims, aspirations, constitution and prospect of the Indian Defence Force and the Bengali Battalion, and exhorted the students to come forward in phalanx and enlist themselves in one or the other.

At this stage, Sriman Surendra Chandra De, a student of the IVth Year Class, volunteered his name, and spoke a few words to his fellow-students.

Mr. Biss, who followed, said that the day was big with fate for Bengal : if they came forward and offered their lives, which was all they had got, and helped themselves in attaining the ideal, the effect on Bengal would be incalculable : that each one of them was to make their choice quickly. He continued, "Men of Bengal ! I ask you to come forward to-day and pledge your lives, to go to any part of the world, or in the alternative to be ready here in India to defend your own country when need arises and let others who are here and willing to go abroad, to go to the fighting line." He asked them not to feel shy at the beginning as a common soldier. "The Hon. Mr. Lyon is a trooper, the Hon. Mr. Wheeler is a foot-soldier, while he, an educationist, happened to be their officer, and they did not feel the slightest hesitation in obeying his command."

The Hon. the Vice-Chancellor then addressed the students, and in a very inspiring speech in Bengali asked them to come forward to show what Bengal could do at this critical hour. He said that his nephew had offered himself for enlistment from this College, and he or any one of his family would not throw any obstacles in his way ; and he felt sure that the guardians of young Bengal would cheerfully allow their wards to go forward and fight in the cause of India and the Empire.- He concluded that if 17,000 students in Bengal could appear at the Matriculation Examination, he was sure that Bengal alone could furnish 6,000 men for the Indian Defence Force.

Mr. Sterling then exhorted the students not to waver in taking up arms against a strong and ruthless foe. The time had come for Bengal to do her share in the great war, and that the future of Bengal was in their keeping.

At the end of the meeting, Prof. Biraja Sankar Guha M. A. came forward and enlisted his name in the Indian Defence Force, and the names of thirty-three students were enlisted in either the Indian Defence Force or the Bengali Battalion.

The work of recruitment is continuing steadily since the holding of the meeting.
