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## THE MONTH.

The following gentlemen have been appointed to conduct the M. A. Examination of the present year :—

ENGLISH—Mr. H. M. Percival, M. A.; Mr. J. N. Dasgupta, B. A. (Oxon); Rev. A. B. Wann, M. A., B. D.

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HEBREW - Rev. G. H. Rouse, M.A.; Mr. H. Stephen, M. A.

SANSKRIT (A)—Babu Nrisinhachandra Mukerji, M. A., B.L.; Mahamahopadhyay Chandrakanta Tarkalankar; Rai Rajendra-chandra Sastri Bahadur, M. A.; Dr. T. Bloch.

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**PERSIAN**—Dr. E. D. Ross, Ph. D. ; Shams-ul-Ulama Ahmad ; Shams-ul-Ulama Shaik Mahmud Gilani.

**Philosophy**—Dr. F. K. Ray, D. Sc ; Babu Kalicharan Banurji, M. A., B. L.

**HISTORY**—Mr. H. M. Percival, M.A. ; Mr. M. Prothero, M.A.

**MATHEMATICS (A)**—The Hon'ble Mr. Justice Asutosh Mookerjee, M.A., D. L. ; Mr. R. P. Paranjpye, M.A. ; Dr. C. E. Cullis, M. A., Ph. D.

**MATHEMATICS (B)**—The Hon'ble Mr. Justice Asutosh Mookerjee, M. A., D. L. ; Mr. G. W. Kuehler, M. A. ; Mr. F. Turner, B. A.

**CHEMISTRY**—Mr. W. H. A. Wood, M.A., F. C. S., F. R. G. S. ; Mr. H. E. Stapleton, B.A., B.Sc. ; Mr. J. A. Cunningham, B.A. (the last two practical).

**PHYSICS (B)**—Mr. A. Macdonell, M.A. ; Dr. J. C. Bose, C.I.E., M. A., D. Sc. ; Mr. P. Bruhl, M. I. E. E., F. G. S., F. C. S. (the last two practical).

**PHYSICS (C)**—Mr. V. H. Jackson, M. A. ; Mr. P. Bruhl, M. I. E. E., F. G. S., F. C. S. ; Mr. A. Macdonell, M. A. (Practical).

**BOTANY**—Capt. A. T. Gage, M. B., I. M. S. ; Mr. J. H. Burkill, M. A., F. L. S. ; Mr. G. C. Bose, M. A., F. C. S.

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The remodelled University seems inclined to take a new line of action in the matter of selecting and appointing Exa-

miners. The Boards of Studies and the Principals of Colleges have been asked to recommend persons whom they think fit for the work of examination. Certainly this is a move in the right direction. The old system of appointing examiners, which the present proposal means to displace, was nothing short of a public scandal. We therefore await the results of the proposed departure with grave concern, and all interested in the reform of the University as well as in its good name should unite their forces to make the new scheme a success.

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In the latter days of the old University, teachers were painfully at a discount. They had no status in it at all or at best one of mere sufferance. They had even to submit to the indignity of being publicly told that they should content themselves with mere teaching, while the subjects to be taught, the syllabus to be prepared, the books to be prescribed, in short the courses of study should be fixed for them by their betters. Their humiliation, in fact, knew no bounds; at every step their views were slighted and treated with scant courtesy by a body of amateurs who had gained an unnatural ascendancy and seemed to take a perverse pleasure in putting them down and making them feel their helplessness. But times have changed and with the change of times the abuse of power has been recoiling on its authors. The teachers are no longer on sufferance, they are assuming that position in the University which rightfully and according to the fitness of things belongs to them. The days of amateurs are well nigh gone, and the Calcutta University Teachers' Association is a standing protest against their prolonged tyranny. The teachers,

we venture to think, owe this vindication of their legitimate claims, this new balancing of powers, this re-focussing of the instrument of education, to the new Universities Act and its father Lord Curzon. It strikes us therefore as quite appropriate that the Calcutta University Teachers' Association which represent enlightened expert opinion on education should come out with a public expression of regret at the resignation of a Viceroy who has done so much for them. The Association in adopting the step it has done has our fullest sympathy and the sympathy of every right-thinking educationalist in the country.

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The following is the text of the reply received by Mr. Arden Wood, President of the Calcutta University Teachers' Association, in acknowledgment of a copy of their Resolution of regret sent by the Association to the Viceroy :—

Dear Mr. Arden Wood,

The Viceroy is much pleased to receive the flattering Resolution passed by the Calcutta University Teachers' Association. One of the mainsprings of the educational reform which he has taken in hand has been the improvement of the status and position of teachers in India, and His Excellency earnestly hopes that the measures taken for this end may prove effective.

Viceregal Lodge, Simla,  
The 30th August, 1905.

Yours sincerely,  
(Sd.) R. NATHAN,

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The eventful war in the Far East has drawn to a close but the long labours of the various Committees appointed by the Senate for the purpose of framing draft Regulations under

the Universities Act are still dragging their slow length along. Our information is that there is a veritable tug of war in these Committees owing to a serious difference of opinion between two great parties, one made up of educational reformers and the other of staunch friends of the old order of things. The advocates of progress have rather a tough fight of it in carrying their scheme of reform. The period of one calendar year since the promulgation of the Act is over and we anxiously wait for the final or semi-final stage of the proceedings, viz. the discussion and decision of the Senate with regard to the draft Regulations.

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Babu Phaniendra Nath Ghosh of this College who stood first in Physical Science at the B. A. Examination of 1905 has obtained the Woodrow Scholarship. We congratulate him on this award. He has joined Presidency College with a view to read for the M. A. degree in the same subject.

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The Puja Vacation is drawing nigh, and the students and the staff feel a sense of relief at the prospect of a brief respite after a rather long spell of work during the hottest period of the year. The office has been receiving applications from numerous students who are desirous of availing themselves of concession tickets which are usually granted by the Railway authorities to the students at this season of the year. The College and School close on the 30th September and re-open on the 31st October. There will be no issue of the Magazine for the vacation month (October), the next issue

will therefore appear in November. The present number is issued earlier than usual in anticipation of the forthcoming holidays.

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It has been our practice for some years past to recommend a subject for an essay to the students of the First year class on the eve of the Pujah Vacation and to award a prize (in the shape of a book) to the writer of the best essay. The subject usually selected is one associated with the life of the people so that the students may draw upon their own experience of the things and facts around them. The winner of the first year's prize wrote a rather clever story recording the doleful adventures of *Gopal the Unlucky or the Victim of Superstition*, an urchin of the Tom Brown type who is perpetually in hot water owing to the superstitious notions of the people about him. The subject set was *'The superstitions of Bengal.'* "*The Folk tales of Bengal*" came for treatment in the next year and a small number of well-known stories, not in the least stale though they were old, was the outcome. Last year the subject recommended was "Bengal Proverbs and the light they throw on the social life and character of the Bengalees." The best essay, however, was not quite on a level with the productions of previous years. The subject is one of great interest and we recommend it to the present First year's class also. It will not be amiss if the Third year class also take it up, a separate prize being set apart for them. The prize-essays have all along been published in the College Magazine, and the prize winner of the present year will be similarly honoured.

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We have been favoured with the *September* issues of the *Central Hindu College Magazine* and the *Dawn and Dawn Society's Magazine*. The Bengalee periodical, *Utbodhana*, is also regularly supplied to us. We have also received the *Sahitya Parishad Patrika*, the *Sahitya Parishad Panjika* and the *Record of eleven years' work* of the same literary society.

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We understand that the students of Presidency College have recently started a *Students' Magazine*. Signs of healthy activity in our students are always welcome to us and we therefore congratulate our young friends on their literary venture. We further understand that the magazine is to be a common meeting-ground for students of all Colleges in this town, constituting itself into an organ of the student community of Calcutta.

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### CRIME.

The violation of a divine law is sin, that of a moral law is vice, that of a positive law is crime. To do or omit an act forbidden or enjoined by the positive law of a country is a crime. Certain violations of the positive law the State chooses to treat as wrongs against individuals and not against itself and hence these are called civil wrongs or torts, which create a liability not to punishment to be inflicted by the State, but to pay proper compensation to the person injured.

Disobedience to a law can only be by an act or forbearance or omission, and as such involves necessarily a mental element viz. an intention, or absence of due intention called negligence.