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## THE MONTH.

With this number the Magazine enters on the fourth year of its existence. We complained last year that we had been unable to achieve a large measure of success in evoking in our students a keen interest in purely academic topics. We are under the painful necessity of repeating the same complaint this year too. The events of the last few months have distracted the minds of our young men to such an extent that a quiet academic life has been almost an impossibility to many. This is indicated by the significant fact that we could obtain hardly any contribution from their pen to the last few issues of the Magazine. Let us however work on, undeterred by these disappointments, in the hope that matters will look up now that the excitement and unrest has to a great extent subsided.

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We offer our sincerest congratulations to our worthy Vice-chancellor on the Knighthood conferred upon him in the beginning of the new year, an honour which he eminently deserves. It is a circumstance worth noting that no head of the Education Department in Bengal has been thus distinguished since the days of Sir Alfred Croft. Two other educational officers have been honoured on the same occasion—Pundit Satish Chandra Acharya Vidyabhushan M.A. has been raised to the dignity of a Mahamahopadhyaya and Babu Kumudini Kanta Banerjee M.A. has been made a Rai Bahadur. The incongruity of the honour with the work of the recipient strikes us forcibly in the latter case.

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The visit to Calcutta of their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales was marked by an academic function of unusual interest. On the 5th of January 1906, the Senate of the University of Calcutta at a special Convocation convened for the purpose conferred on his Royal Highness the Degree of Doctor in Law, the highest honour which it had at its gift. The occasion was marked with great solemnity. It did not lend itself to any speeches, excepting a short one from the Vice-chancellor indicating that it was the first honorary degree that was being conferred under the auspices of the reformed University and incidentally mentioning the remarkable progress which Education has made in Bengal within the last thirty years.

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Exactly thirty year ago our reigning sovereign Edward VII the then Prince of Wales, was similarly honoured on the occasion of his visit to Calcutta. It is however worthy of note that on the present occasion His Royal Highness was the only

recipient of the Honorary Degree, while on the last occasion Rev K. M. Banerjea and Raja Rajendralala Mitra were also admitted to the Degree along with the Prince.

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The College re-opened on the 8th January after the Christmas recess. Work of the teachers is now considerably light owing to the discontinuance of the 2nd and 4th year classes.

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The M.A., and B.L., results have been published in the Calcutta Gazette of the 31st January. We are sorry to find that the number of Law Graduates is phenomenally small this year, only a few above one hundred having passed. But after all, is it an unmitigated evil? We print below the names of the successful candidates from this College :—(in order of merit) Mazumdar Ashutosh, Shaha Ramkrishna, Basu Radhikaprasad, De Kalipada, Chakravarti Satischandra.

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The Draft Regulations for the Arts and Science Examinations are at last ready and the discussion before the Faculty of Arts has begun in right earnest. It is an anxious time for such among us as take a genuine interest in high education, considering that the future character of the University is to be determined by the scope and drift of the Regulations now to be sanctioned by the authorities.

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We are extremely sorry to learn that Mr. Kalicharan Banerjee has resigned the Registraship owing to persistent ill health. Professor Little of Presidency College has been, we understand, temporarily

appointed to the vacancy, pending the appointment of a whole time Registrar under the new Regulations recently sanctioned by the Senate.

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We have duly received the January issue of the Central Hindu College Magazine. With this number the Magazine enters on the sixth year of its existence. The January issue of the Dawn and Dawn Society's Magazine has also reached us.

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A meeting of the Senate of the Bombay University will be held in the Sir Cowasjee Jehangier Hall of the University on Friday, February 9th, when an important letter from the Government of India, Home Department (Education), suggesting that the minimum limit of age for admission to the Matriculation should be fixed at sixteen, will be considered. The Governor concurs in the view expressed by the Government of India. Principal F. G. Selby will propose at the meeting that the minimum limit of age be raised from fifteen to sixteen years. The Government of India state that considerable difference of opinion existed, and the main argument advanced against fixing an age limit for the Matriculation examination was that it might debar students of Indian Universities from competing in England for the Civil Service Examination. By a recent decision the Secretary of State fixed the minimum age limit for the Civil Service Examination at twenty-two years and the maximum at twenty-four. It was in the interests of the schools, the colleges and the universities themselves that the age for the Matriculation should not be fixed at less than sixteen years. Occasional precocity, the Government of India thought, was no gain, but universal immaturity was, in their opinion, a national loss. The Government of India trusted that the Senate would realize that the modification of their proposals upon which the Government of India felt bound to insist would operate to the advantage of the students themselves by relieving them of the harmful pressure to which they were at present subjected.

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