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NOTES.

The College closed for the Pujā holidays on October 12 and reopened on November 23. We take this opportunity of offering our sincere Bijoya greetings to our colleagues and students and all our readers.

The staff and the students assembled in the College Hall (Room No. 1) on Wednesday the 28th November to pay their tribute of respect to Lala Lajpat Rai, the Hon'ble Mr. S. R. Das, Sj. Pijuskanti Ghosh, and Prof. J. N. Samaddar. Principal G. C. Bose presided. In an eloquent speech Prof. Nripendra Chandra Banerjee dwelt on the merits and activities of the great departed, after which the following condolence resolution, moved by Prof. N. C. Banerjee and seconded by Prof. J. N. Chakravarti, was unanimously passed all standing :

"The Members of the Bangabasi College in a meeting assembled express their deep grief at the death of Lala Lajpat Rai, and Hon'ble Mr. S. R. Das, Sj. Pijuskanti Ghosh

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and Professor Jogindranath Samaddar, and convey their heartfelt condolence to the bereaved families."

The College also remained closed on the 29th November—the day of the *Kriya* or Sradh ceremony of the late Lala Lajpat Rai.

Indeed the country has been rendered the poorer to-day by the death of so many of her illustrious sons. Lala Lajpat Rai devoted the last forty years of his life to the cause of education and the uplift of the country. He was a brave fighter, and was called the Lion of the Punjab on account of his fearless opposition of the bureaucracy. Only a few days before his death he led the public demonstration at Lahore to boycott the Royal Commission, and received severe *lathi* blows. He died of heart-failure at an hour when the country's need was the sorest. His memory will long be cherished by thousands of his grateful countrymen, especially by the masses for whom he worked and bled. The Hon'ble Mr. Satisranjan Das was a worthy scion of the Das family of Telirbag of which the most illustrious member was the late Desbandhu Chittaranjan Das. Satisranjan was a man of principle and a friend of the poor, besides being a shining member of the bar. By sheer merit he rose to be the Law Member of the Vice-roy's Executive Council and held that post honourably till the last day of his life. Mr. Pijuskanti Ghose was connected with *The Amrita Bazar Patrika*, and distinguished himself not only as a journalist but also by his strong advocacy and propagation of physical culture among the youths of our country. Prof. J. N. Samaddar, an ex-student of this College, made his mark by his researches in Indian history. May their souls rest in peace

Before the College closed for the Puja Vacation a largely attended meeting was held in Room No. 1, on the 5th October, to award prizes and medals to the best students of the *Gita* class, whose names appeared in the last issue of this magazine. On the motion of Principal G. C. Bose, seconded by Prof. Lalit Kumar Banerjee, Rai Pryanath Mukherjee Bahadur took the chair. In an illuminating speech the President dwelt on the teachings of the Bhagabat Gita and explained them to suit the understanding of the boys. The Principal then explained why the class of religious instruction was started and why attendance was not very satisfactory. With a vote of thanks to the chair by the Geeta teacher the meeting terminated late in the evening.

Social gatherings form an integral part of the university life of modern times. The College Autumn Social, held under the auspices of the College Students' Association on the 11th October, was a unique success—thanks to the activities of S^r. Hiran Kumar Bose and his group who heartily co-operated with the Secretary of the Students' Association to celebrate the social in a fitting way. Besides the staff and a large number of our students and ex-students, S^r. Amritalal Bose and Manmathanath Bose graced the occasion with their presence. Two other social functions were also held at the College Hostel and the attached Mess, and were highly successful. Reports of these social gatherings are published elsewhere. The students of modern times do not want to be mere book-worms like their predecessors of the last century. They want to come in closer touch with their teachers and the outside world, knowing that they are the future citizens and will be called upon one day to shape the destiny of the country where they have been born.

The 70th birth-day anniversary of Sir Jagadish Chandra Bose was celebrated with great eclat at the Bose Institute on the 1st December. The Institute was tastefully decorated in perfect Indian style, and Sir Jagadish received warm congratulations from the distinguished gentlemen who had graced the occasion with their presence as well as from almost all the renowned scientists and literary men of the world. Sir Jagadish has revolutionised science and philosophy by his wonderful discoveries in the plant world. Like the Rishis and savants of old he has dedicated his life to the quest of truth. May he live long and add fresh laurels to his crown. We quote below two portions of his speeches delivered on two different occasions :

"The struggle in which I have been engaged for the last forty years has been *to win for India a recognised place among the Federation of Nations* by her contributions for extending the boundaries of knowledge. The world is to-day divided into warring hosts threatening the destruction of civilisation. There is only one other alternative to save world-wide ruin, by intellectual co-operation for common benefit of mankind. And this has been the message of the East, the latest expression of which I have just received from China for lifting science into realm of spiritual reality and declaring that like the unity of all life, there must be *a unity of human aspirations by which alone the continuity of human civilisation can be assured.* In all my efforts I have not altogether been alone. In days of our common obscurity my life-long friend Rabindranath Tagore was with me. Even in these doubtful days his faith never faltered." *An Extract from Sir Jagadis's Speech in reply to the Congratulations offered to him on the occasion of his 70th birthday.*

"The experiments that have been shown this evening bring the plant very much nearer to us than we ever thought. We found that it was not a mere mass of vegetative growth but that every fibre of it has sensibility. We have been able to record the throbbings of its pulsating life and found it to wax and wane according to its living condition and cease at the death of the organism. The barriers which seemed to separate kindred phenomena will be found to have vanished, the plant and the animal appearing as a multiform unity in a single ocean of being. In this vision of truth the final mystery of things will by no means be lessened, but greatly deepened. It is not less of a miracle that man, circumscribed on all sides by the imperfections of his senses, should yet build himself a raft of thought to make daring adventures in uncharted seas. And in his voyage of discovery he catches an occasional glimpse of the ineffable wonder that had been hidden from his view. That vision crushes out of him all self-sufficiency, all that kept him unconscious of the great pulse that beats through the universe."—*Conclusion of Sir Jagadis's address on the occasion of the 11th anniversary of the Bose Institute*"