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"Truth is to be judged by truth and by nothing else. If truth destroys the whole universe, still it is truth; stand by it."—VIVEKANANDA.

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The Executive Committee of the Vivekananda Mission (Calcutta) have great pleasure to announce that the Mission has completed the second and third years of its existence, and has commenced the fourth year of its life and activity. With the sympathy, co-operation and appreciation received from all quarters of our motherland, it has steadily grown in strength and usefulness. The Mission has put forth its endeavours to spread wide the knowledge of the high ideals propounded by the Patriot Saint, the Maker of Modern India—the Swami Vivekananda and the Great World Teacher, Sri Ramakrishna and to carry out of its aims and objects inspite of the economic crisis through which the whole world is passing.

In the 2 years under review the Mission has been

able to spread its activities in many new ventures, such as:—(1) Opening of Relief Centres in Flooded areas and Tornado-stricken district, (2) Starting of a Public Library, and (3) Opening of a Charitable Dispensary in addition to the holding of a large number of public lectures on Religion and Philosophy, Lantern lectures on History and Biography, and arranging Sankirtan to supply mental food, and, last of all, conducting Free Primary Schools for the boys and girls of the so-called depressed classes.

OBJECTS.

The objects of the Mission are mainly: -

- (a) The Study and Practice of the principles of the Vedanta including the essential principles of all Religions.
- (b) The Imparting and Spread of education in all its phases as defined by the Swami Vivekananda, viz. "Education is the manifestation of the perfection already in man", and to establish and maintain institutions with that object.
- (c) The Spread of the ideals and teachings of the Swami Vivekananda.
- (d) The Service of man, regarding such service as the service of divinity.

PRAYERS.

Before we start with the record of the work we deeply regret to announce the loss the Mission has sustained at the death of Dr. Akshaya Kumar Mitra, M.B. (Homeo.) who was not only a member of the Mission but volunteered his services to attend the Charitable Dispensary. We also regret to announce the loss the country has sustained at the passing away of Mahamahopadhyaya Dr. Haraprasad Shastri, Sj. Master Mahashaya (Mahendra Nath Gupta), Sj. Bepin Chandra Pal and Sj. Golap Lal Chose and other notables for whom the Ex. Committee of the Mission passed condolence resolutions. May their noble souls rest in peace! Amen!

THE MISSION BUILDING.

A suitable home for its own was an urgent need. By Ramakrishna-Vivekananda's grace the Mission has been able to acquire on lease a plot of Government Khas Mahal land and to purchase a building standing on it at 1, Chitpore Bridge Approach, on the 2nd of October, 1931. For the present the Office, the Library, the Lecture Hall and the Chapel are located there. It is a hopeful sign that the Mission has in its infancy succeeded in securing a suitable building for its work as its own.

FREE PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Free Primary Education amongst the masses is one of the first and foremost needs of the country. With that object in view, we have tried, so far as our limited means have permitted to maintain four Free Primary Schools throughout the year 1931 for both boys and girls of the so-called untouchable classes and of the less advanced amongst the upper classes. Of these institutions two were in the District of 24-Parganas and two in the District

of Bankura. Daily attendance of the students in the Mission Schools during the year 1931 is as follows:—

SCHOOLS.	DATIV	AVERAGE.
Dum Dum (Day School)		
Dum Dum (Night School) .		
Kotulpur (Bankura)		25
Jibta (Bankura)		24
(1932)		
Kotulpur	• • •	50
Jibta		39

In the 3rd year (1932) we had to close up the Schools at Dum Dum for irregular work of the teachers. Funds permitting, the Mission authorities are ready to start such schools in the remote villages where education is still unknown.

THE CHARITABLE DISPENSARY.

The Mission inaugurated a special work about the end of November, 1931. It was the establishment of a Charitable Homeopathic Dispensary, to render medical aid to the poor residents in the surrounding Bustee and to the local middle class gentlemen who can ill afford to pay for the proper treatment of their family members.

Dr. M. N. Banerjee, L.M.S. (C.H.C.) an experienced doctor of 25 years' practice is in-charge of the dispensary and is rendering valuable honorary service regularly. Sj. B. M. Das, M.A., (Solicitor) Joint Assistant Secretary of the Mission, placed a suitable room free of rent for the 1st year for the use of the dispensary. From the 1st of December, 1932, it has been removed to Galiff Lane, at the residence of Babu Bijoy Gopal Ganguly for larger

facilities. 755 new, 3563 old cases were treated during 13 months from December, 1931, to December, 1932. (Vide Appendix A).

THE VIVEKANANDA LIBRARY.

The Mission has established a public library under the name of Vivekananda Library in the latter part of the year 1930. Selected books numbering 1006 in English and in Bengali of Religion, Philosophy, History, Biography, Sociology, Physiology, Politics, Travel and Fictions have been secured during the two years under review from presentations and many English and Bengali Dailies, Periodicals and Magazines were also supplied from gifts for which we are indebted to the donors (Vide Appendix B).

PUBLIC LECTURES AND DISCOURSES. (1931 and 1932)

The Mission organised 120 philosophical and religious lectures, discourses and lantern lectures, all of which were largely attended (Vide Appendix C).

KIRTANS AND DEVOTIONAL MUSIC.

Under the auspices of the Mission and its Chapel—Sri Ramakrishna-Sarada Math famous Kirtania Sj. Rashbehari Mitra Thakur and his son Gobinda Gopal Mitra Thakur of Birbhum sang 'Mahajan Padabalies' at the Shambazar A. V. School Hall. The Bangiya Natya Parishad sang Kali-Kirtan at the Haranath Pathsala. The Bosepara Lila-Kirtan Sampradaya headed by Sj. Sambhu Nath Banerjee and Sj. Satish Chandra Chatterji sang 'Milan-Madhuri' and 'Ramakrishna-Lila.' The Grey

Street Kali-Kirtan Party headed by Sj. Sisir Kumar Bose, the Tarun Kali-Kirtan Sampradaya and Ramakrishna Kali-Kirtan Samity of Nivedita Lane, and the inmates of the Calcutta Orphanage sang sweet Kirtans in the Mission Hall on different occasions. Profs. Anath Nath Bose of Baghbazar (Calcutta), Ram Missir of Benares, Amir Khan of Lucknow, Jamel Khan of Hyderabad and Chhotey Khan of Calcutta also entertained the members of the Mission and public with high class music, both vocal and instrumental, on several occasions.

FLOOD AND FAMINE RELIEF.

Different districts of Bengal were devastated by floods in 1931. The Mission started a Relief Fund and issued an appeal to the generous public and to its members and friends. A sum of Rs. 524-15-6 was subscribed by the members and the charitably disposed public. The Mission opened two relief centres, one at Barha and the other at Aurangabad, covering 20 villages in the district of Dacca. In this relief work 1929 people were helped and the sum of Rs. 421-12-9 were spent. Swami Tripurananda of the Mission, who went to supervise the work, reported want of clothes, particularly winter clothing, amongst the sufferers and 270 pieces of new cloth with 25 old pieces and 60 blankets were distributed. Before the relief centres were opened, Rs. 75/- were sent to the District Magistrate of Pabna, the President of the local Relief Committee, and Rs. 25/- to the District Magistrate of Bogra, the President of the local Relief Committee, in response to their appeal for help to the suffering people of the districts under their charge. The total expenditure on relief amounted to Rs. 521-12-9, leaving a balance of Rs. 3-2-9 in hand.

In 1932, the Mission again opened a relief centre at Barurchar in Mymensingh district for the relief of the Tornado distressed people and a sum of Rs. 351-5-9 were spent for food and hut-building. Total number of men and women who received help from the Mission was 439, while the pieces of new cloth and hessian cloth (chat) distributed totalled 61 and 35 respectively which were contributed by Sj. Manomohan Chakravarty of Mymensingh. The total sum collected for this relief was Rs. 540-15-6 to which were added the balance of last year Rs. 3-2-9. The principal donor of 1932 is the Sankat Tran Samity of Calcutta through its President Acharya Prafulla Chandra Ray, who subscribed Rs. 200/- (Vide Appendix D).

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The first annual general meeting of the Mission was held on Wednesday, the 29th April, 1931, at 6 P.M. at the residence of the late Honourable Bhupendra Nath Basu. Kabirajshiromani Sj. Shyamadas Vachaspati, one of the Vice-Presidents of the Mission presided over the meeting. The Record of the first year's activities and the audited accounts of the Mission from the commencement, i.e., from 13th December, 1929, to the 31st December, 1930 were read and unanimously adopted.

The second annual general meeting of the Mission was held in the Mission Hall on 24th April, 1932, with Sj. Jatindra Nath Basu, M.A., M.L.C., one of the Vice-Presidents, in the chair. Along with the adoption of the

second year's Record of Work with accounts of the Mission a new Executive Committee was elected.

On both occasions short speeches on the life of the Great Swami were made and Prasadam was distributed.

During the years under review Executive Committee met ten times for the transaction of ordinary business of the Mission.

SRI RAMAKRISHNA-SARADA MATH.

Sri Ramakrishna-Sarada Math which is located at a portion of the Mission building is the Chapel of the Mission, where the members often meet to discuss religion and philosophy with the revered President and other monastic members of the Mission and also with the religious teachers and learned men who occasionally come there. The members also meet there to practise meditation.

During the years under review Sri Sri Ramnam Sankirtanam and Vajans with Mahavir Puja were regularly held on every Ekadasi tithi as before.

Sri Sri Durga Puja, Sri Sri Kali Puja, Sri Sri Janmastami Puja, the Birthday Anniversaries of Sri Ramakrishna, Sri Sarada Devi (Holy Mother), Swami Vivekananda, Swami Bramhananda, Swami Premananda, Swami Saradananda, Swami Turiananda, Lord Jesus, Sri Gouranga and Sri Buddha were celebrated with worship, prayers, regular services and feeding of devotees.

Though the Vivekananda Mission and Sri Ramakrishna-Sarada Math are closely connected and interdependent, the funds of the two bodies are quite separate. The Chapel is maintained solely from funds supplied by a few devotees and admirers of Sri Ramakrishna-Vivkananda and members and non-members of the Mission. The sum of Rs. 5,187-14-9 were collected for the upkeep of Sri Ramkrishna-Sarada Math and its celebrations, from which Rs. 5,116-4-6 were spent during the two years.

The management of the Chapel is under a separate body having its own President, Secretary, Chief Supervisor and a few members. Office-bearers and members of this body also consist of both Sannyasins and Householders.

MEMBERS.

There were 344 on the roll on 31-12-32, which shows an increase of 42 members in 2 years.

The names of the office-bearers and members of the Executive Committee are set out on pages 2 and 3 of the cover. The names of the life-members and ordinary members admitted during the year 1931 and 1932 as well as a numerical list of the old members province by province appear in Appendix E.

FINANCE.

During the year 1931 the sum of Rs. 1302-9-6 only was collected as donations, subscriptions, admission fees and interest. The sum of Rs. 900/- was collected as donation to the "Building Fund" and a further sum of Rs. 349-5-3 was borrowed from a member. The expenditure for purchasing and acquiring the building, a type-writer etc. amounted to Rs. 2,990-0-6 during the year under review, while the expenditure for the current expenses of the Mission amounted to Rs. 838-6-9.

And during the year 1932, the sum of Rs. 1,089-5-11 only was collected as subscriptions, donations, admission fees, light charges, house rent and interest while the expenditure for the current expenses of the Mission amounted to Rs. 879-11-0 only.

(For abstract of audited account-Vide App. F.)

OUR APPEAL.

We appeal to the generous public to help us in starting a few more schools for mass education and in carrying out the scheme of starting an Industrial School to solve the problems of unemployment.

The Charitable Dispensary also needs to be well equipped, so does the Vivekananda Library.

OUR THANKS.

Our special thanks are due to:-

Dr. Kalidas Nag, M.A., D.Litt. (Paris), Prof. Kokileswar Sastri, M.A., Vidyaratna, Mahamahopadhyaya Bhagabat Kumar Sastri, M.A., Ph.D., Prof. Ramchandra Sastri, Prabhupad Radha Benode Goswami, Pandit Jiban Bhusan Kabyalankar, Sj. Girija Sankar Roy Chowdhury, M.A., B.L., Sj. Aswini Kumar Chakrabarty, M.A., B.L., and to all eminent scholars and Sadhus who delivered lectures in the public meetings organised by the Mission.

The Sankat Tran Samity for its donation of Rs. 200/-, Sett Iswardas Lakshmidas J.P., Bombay, and Sett Ramdas Lakshmidas of Messrs. Raghabji Kheemji & Co., Bombay, for contributing Rs. 150/- and Rs. 100/- respectively, and to a sympathiser (Mr. Mitter of Baghbazar) and to

Sett Purusottamdas Harkisendas, Bombay, for their donations of Rs. 50/- each to our Relief Fund.

The I. F. A. for an annual grant of Rs. 100/- in 1931 and 1932 to the general fund of the Mission through their Jt. Secretary Mr. P. K. Mukherji.

Our warmest thanks to an unknown friend who kindly sent us Rs. 200/- and thus helped the Mission at a time of need, under a false name and address.

Sj. Manomohan Chakrabarty of Mymensingh for his contribution of 61 pieces of new cloth and 35 pieces of hessian cloth (chat) to the Mission's Tornado Relief Work at Mymensingh.

All other donors who kindly contributed to our Relief, General, Building and other funds.

Dr. A. N. Mukherjee, M.D. (U.S.A.) for opening the Charitable Dispensary of the Mission and promising to act as its consulting physician. Dr. Manmatha Nath Banerjee, L.M.S. (C.H.C.) for his regular services at the Dispensary and treating the sufferers of the locality free on behalf of the Mission.

- Sj. Gostha Behari Sett for supplying a lorryful of sand for repairs of the Mission building.
- Sj. Mohit Kumar Mukherjee, M.A., B.L., B.T. and Sm. Jyotirmoyee Mukherjee, B.A. and also Kshetra Mohon Ganguly, Pleader for arranging the lectures of our Hony. preacher Sj. Girija Sankar Roy Chowdhury, M.A., B.L., Advocate, High Court, in the city of Rangoon.
- Sj. B. M. Das and Sj. Bijay Gopal Ganguli for lending the use of their rooms for the Mission Charitable Dispensary.

Sj. Haripada Dutt of Lakshmi Nibas, Baghbazar, for presenting a silver medal to Master Labanya of the Calcutta Orphanage, for proficiency in singing, on behalf of the Mission.

To Rai Hem Kumar Mullick Bahadur for his ungrudging help to further the cause of the Mission.

The donors of books and magazines, dailies and periodicals without whose help the opening of the Library would not have been possible.

Lastly, our sincere thanks to auditor Sj. M. K. Deb, Incorporated Accountant, who audited the accounts of the Mission without charging any remuneration.

To the Editors of The Amrita Bazar Patrika, Ananda Bazar Patrika, Advance, Liberty, Bangabani, Basumati, The Calcutta Municipal Gazette, Nayak and Sramik for publishing the appeals, notices and reports of our meetings, Relief work, functions and making comments and passing opinions on the activities of the Mission every now and then.

Appendix A.

MISSION CHARITABLE DISPENSARY.

Number of	cases fr	om Dec.	1931, to Dec	. 1932.
Months.		Years.	New Cases.	Old Cases.
December	394.	1931	24	32
January		1932	43	104
February	:	"	25	123
March		,,	30	86
April	***	,,	28	118
May		"	37	162
June	. Ne	33	49	210
July		,,,	67	355
August		"	43	223
September		"	90	304
October		1)	93	517
November	.,.	11	57	423
December	•••	n	169	906
			755	3,563

Appendix B.

DONATION OF BOOKS.

(1931)

Donors.	Vols.	
Sj. Girindranath Mukherji and Sm. Rama		
Devi	170	
Bangiya Sahitya Parishad	35	
Sj. Rajanimohon Chatterji	23	
"Kiran Chunder Dutt	15	
"Ganendranath Banerji	12	
" Sourindranath Bose	IO	
" Nareschandra Ghose	7	
" Bansarilal Sarkar, M.Sc., B.L	4	
Sjs. Mrinalkanti Ghose, Prafulla Kumar		
Sarkar, Sourendranath Tagore and		
Vivekananda Mukherji	12	(3 each)
" Girijasankar Roy Choudhury, M.A.,		
B.L., and Bhubanmohon Das, M.A.	4	(2 each
"Nirmalkumar Bose, M.A., Raghunath		
Mallik, M.A., Prof. M. M. Bose,		
M.A. and Swami Chandreswarananda	4.	(I each
	1	
	296	
(1932)		
(1932)		
Sm. Nirjharini Sarkar	209	
A friend	97	
Sj. Khagendranath Bagchi	72	
"Kiran Chunder Dutt	60	
Dr. Sarasilal Sarkar (Retd. Civil Surgeon)	54	
" Durgapada Ghose, B.A., M.B	41	
Sj. G. N. Mukherji and Sm. Rama Devi	28	
,, Vivekananda Mukherji	22	
", Sudhirchandra Sarkar (M. C. Sarkar		
& Sons)	16	
Camiad array	FOO	

Donors.	Vols.	
Brought forward	599	
Manager, Gaudiya Math	15	
Dr. Satinath Banerji, M.B	13	
Rai Jaladhar Sen Bahadur	II	
Sj. Ganendranath Banerji	79	
Swami Haripremananda, and		
Sj. Manindranath Bhattacharya	14	(7 each)
,, Prafullakumar Sarkar, and Sj. Naresh		
Chandra Ghose	10	(5 each)
" Sachikanta Sil	4	
Hindoo Mahasabha, Sj. Jaharlal Baksi and		
Sj. Dwarikanath Chakravarty	9	(3 each)
Sjs. Devendranath Barman, Swami Chan-		
dreswarananda, Prof. Priyaranjan		
Sen, M.A., P.R.S., Devendranath		
Chakravarty and Satish Chandra		
Upadhyaya	10	(2 each)
,, Dwijendranath Mallik, B. M. Das,		
M.A., Sj. Girijasankar Roy Chou-		
dhury, M.A., B.L., Pravashchandra		
Gupta, Brahmachari Prajna		
Chaitanya, Jnanendrakrishna Bose,		
Swami Bhumananda, Harichandra		
Mukherji, Lalitmohon Dutt,		
Panchanan Chakravarty, Swami		
Amritananda, Jatindrakrishna Dutt,		
Devajyoti Barman, Sm. Amiya Devi,		
Sm. Yogoprava Sarkar, and Kumari		
Kalyani Sarkar	16	(I each)

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NEWSPAPERS & MAGAZINES.

Contributed by Editors and Proprietors.

Dailies.

BENGALI :-

Anandabazar Patrika, Bangabani, Nayak.

ENGLISH:--

Amritabazar Patrika, Advance, Liberty, Star of India.

Fortnightlies.

BENGALI:—
Tattwa Kaumudi.

ENGLISH:— Indian Messenger.

Weeklies.

BENGALI:—
Navasakti,
Sramik

ENGLISH:—
The Calcutta
Municipal
Gazette.

Monthlies.

BENGALI:—
Prabasi,
Bharatvarsa,
Jayasri,
Bharater Sadhana,
Galpalahari,
Viswajanin,
AyurbijnanSammilani,
Jiban Beema.

ENGLISH:—
The Modern
Review,
Property.

QUARTERLY:—(Bengali). Sahitya Parisad Patrika.

Appendix C. Speeches and Discourses at Calcutta. (1931)

Speakers.	No. of lectures.	Subjects	Place.
Srimat Swami Nirmalanandaji, President, Vivekananda Mission.	8	Opening and concluding speeches as the President of the Religious	Nikhil Banga Ram- krishna Mahotsab Pandal.
Prabhupada Radha Benode Goswami	6	Goudiya Vaishnava Dharma.	Haranath Pathsala,
Sj. Girijasankar Roy Choudhury, M.A., B.L., Advocate, High Court.	3	Sri Chaitanya as represent- ed in different Bengali	Vivekananda Mission Hall.
Sj. Aswinikumar Chakravarty, M.A., B.L., Advocate, High Court.	91	biographies. Sri Sri Chandi-Tatwa.	Do.
Sj. Premananda Sinha, Advocate,	I	Swami Vivekananda and	Do.
Sj. Kshitish Ch. Bose, B.A., (of Ranchi Brahmacharya Vidyalaya).	H	Modern Indian Problems. Fundamental Principles of Goudiya Vaishnava	Do.
Prof. Kokileswar Sastri, M.A., Vidya-	1	Dharma. Mayabad in Sankara's	Do.
Dr. Kalidas Nag, M.A., D.Litt. (Paris).	3	India's Contribution to the world culture.	A. V. School, Shambazar.
		(r lecture). Greater India and India's Federation (r lecture)	Do.
		Art in Ancient India.	Do.
Pandit Shyam Lal Goswami	1	Sri Gouranga Lila.	Do.

Besides these lectures in Calcutta, two of our preachers delivered a few interesting lectures and held conversation classes abroad:—

Speakers. No. of Subjects.

Swami Chandreswarananda

Place.

Philosophy of the Upa- Ramkrishna Pratisthan nishads (6 lectures).

The Manager of the Upa- Ramkrishna Pratisthan and Durgabari, My-mishads (1 lecture).

The Manager of Pratisthan My-mishada (1 lecture).

The Manager of Pratisthan My-mishada (1 lecture).

The Manager of My-mishada (1 lecture) is the My-mishada (1 lecture).

Untouchability (r lecture). Kalia, Jessore.

Library Movement. Bishenpur, Bankura.

(r lecture). Khatra, Bankura.

(I lecture).

AT RANGOON

Sj. Girijasankar Roy Choudhury, M.A., B.L., Advocate, High Court.

Sri Chaitanya Dev and Kamauyet.

Nityananda Prabhu.

(I lecture).

Sri Chaitanya Dev and Brahma Samaj.

Yaban Haridas.

(I lecture).

Sri (I lecture).

Sri (Ramanya Dev and Chattal Samity Hall.)

(I lecture).

Sri Chaitanya and Rai Bengal Club.
Ramananda (psychological basis of Rasha-Tattwa as expounded by Brindaban School.

Mohit Kumar Mukerji, Great Eastern Assurance Vivekananda Mission Bengal Academy, the residence of M.A., B.L., B.T.). Place. Company. Do. Do. Hall. Rasha-Tattwa, in the presence of two Mani-(interpretation according to with special reference to Sri Chaitanya's Religious Goswamis of Brindaban Chaitanya Cult, whose as spiritual guide of the (2, A, Dis.).
Ramananda's Conversation ancestors went to Burma to Sri Chaitanya with to Rasa-Tattwa. Mayabad in Sankar's Tulsidas Ramayan (1 lec.). Chaitanya's teachings Satchakrayoga (2 lec.) Sri Sri Chanditattwa. Sanatan Goswami. Subjects. Subjects. king of Burma. (i Discourse). (2, B, Dis.). Philosophy. Teachings regard (1932)Discourses, lectures. No. of No. of Sj. Girijasankar Roy Choudhury, M.A., B.L., Advocate, High Court. Kokileswar Shastri, M.A., Kumar Chakraborty, M.A., B.L. Sj. Khitish Chandra Bose, B.A. Speakers. Vidyaratna. do. do. Aswini

Place.	Vivekananda Mission Hall. Do.		Do. Do. Do. Do. Entally (Cal.). Vivekananda Mission	Hall. Do.	Do. Sarbajanin Bagibazar Sarbajanin Durgotsab Pandal and Bagibazar Reading Library.		Vivekananda Mission	Do,
Subjects.	Goudiya Vaishnavism. (1 lecture). Sri Krishna the Founder of Dharma Rajya.	Ramayan (in Hindi). Brahmacharya. Vaishnaya Philosophy.	Adwaitabad. Tantra. Srimad Bhagabat. His Experience in Europe. Student-life and morality (1 lecture).	Vedanta (r lecture). Depressed Class in Hindu Society, (r lecture). Swamiji's Chicago Address. (r lecture).	Upanishad. (r lecture). Ramkrishna-Vivekananda on untouchability. (2 lectures).	LANTERN LECTURES.	Ancient Hindu Culture.	Ramkrishna-Vivekananda.
Speakers. No. of lectures.	Sj. Khitish Chandra Bose, B.A. Sj. Premananda Sinha, Advocate 3 High Court.	Pandit Radhagobinda Misra 6 Swami Bhaskarananda M. M. Bhagabat Kumar Sastri, M.A., 24	Prof. Ram Chandra Sastri 5 Sj. Krishna Chandra Vedantachintamani 5 Pandit Jiban Bhusan Kabyalankar 6 Sj. Akshoy Kumar Nandi 1 Swami Chandreswarananda 7			LANTER	Brahmachari Sri Chaitanya	(of Hindu Mission). Sj. Shyamlal Goswami

Besides the above noted lectures and lecturers, our secretary Sj. Kiran Chunder Dutt, M.R.A.S., was invited in several places of Calcutta and abroad to deliver lectures and preside over anniversaries and special public meetings.

Since February, 1931, Swami Amritananda of the Mission held religious classes and conversational discourses once a week in the "Sri Narasinharaja Hostel," Bangalore (Mysore).

Appendix D.

DONORS & DONATIONS.

(1931)

General Fund.

Names.	Rs.	A. I	٠.
I. F. A. (through its Secy. Mr. P. K.			
Mookerji)	100	0	0
Sj. Kiran Chunder Dutt	15	0	0
Rs	. 115	0	0
Building Fund.			
Sj. Bhubanmohon Das, M. A	800	0	0
", Ganendranath Banerji	100	0	0
R	3. 900	0	0

Relief Fund.

Names.	Rs.	A.	P.
Seth Iswardas Lakshmidas, Bombay	100	0	0
A Sympathiser	50	0	0
President, Ramakrishna Vedanta Samiti,			
Calicut	27	6	0
Lakshmi Nibas, Baghbazar	25	0	0
Through Sj. Bimalananda Tarkatirtha	25	0	0
Teachers and Students, M. C. P. Institute	21	0	6
Nikhil Banga Nari Sangha	20	0	0
Price of 5 mds. of rice collected by Swami			
Jadavananda at Rs. 4/- per md	20	0	0
Bengal Industrial Company	15	0	0
Master Tailor and Students of Tailoring			
Class, M. C. P. Institute	13	0	0
Banhugli Sevasram	12	9	0
A friend, Sj. R. M. Chatterji, Sm. Lavanya-			
prava Bose, and Sj. S. M. Dutta, on			
behalf of the Teachers and Students of			
A. V. School (Rs. 10/- each)	40	0	0
Sjs. Amulyacharan Dutt, A member of the			
Mission, Janakinath Banerji, Manmatha-			
nath Bose, A friend, Sm. Subala Devi,			
Nikhileswar Sanyal, Dr. Susil Nag			
Choudhuri, Girls of the Lakshmi Nibas,			
Haridas Saha, Bijoygopal Misra, Sm.			
Susila Bose, Mihirlal Mukherji,	,		
Krishnachandra Dutt, and Bimalendu			
Bose (Rs. 5/- each)	75	0	0
Carried over	443	15	6

Names.	Rs.	A.	Р.
Brought forward	443	15	6
Sale proceeds of 35 srs. of rice supplied by			
Banhugli Sevasram	3	8	0
Sj. N. Kuntiraman Pathayer	3	0	0
Sjs. Bimalananda Tarkatirtha, P. K.			
Mukherji, Sm. Niharbala Devi, B. M.			
Das, Jnanendranath Ghose, Bansarilal			
Sarkar, Amulyakumar Bose, Jatindra-			
nath Bose, Nityananda Bose, Kali-			
bhusan Sen, R. C. Dev, C. Sadasivam,			
A friend and a lady (Rs. 2/- each)	28	0	0
,, Pravaschandra Saha	I	8	0
" Kanan Bihary Banerji, Jnan Ranjan			
Haldar, Sourendra Nath Bose, Sm. Bina-			
pani Devi, Benoy Krishna Saha, Sm.			
Nivanani Sur, Nagendra Nath Ganguli,			
Rohini Kumar Mitra, Tarapada Saha,			
Mrigendra Lal Neogy, A Friend, Bokul			
Das Dey, Prabhat Chandra Ghosh, Sital			
Chandra Saha, Sarat Kumar Ghosh,			
Ashutosh Mukherji, Jayanta Kumar			
Mandal, A Lady, Priya Nath Saha,			
A Sympathiser, A Friend, A Lady,			
Gour Gobinda Mullick, Haran			
Chandra Banerji, Nitya Gopal Baner-			
jee, Dr. Satinath Banerji, Radha			
Raman Bose, Saileswar Bose,			
Carried over	479	15	6

Names.	Rs.	A. 1	Ρ.
Brought forward	479	15	6
Sjs. Prabodh Chandra Bose, Prabhat Ranjan Ghose, A Friend, A Lady, A Friend, A Lady, Ramani Ranjan Guha Roy, A Friend, Narayan Chandra Mitra, Narendra Nath Sett, Gangadhar Nandy, Jogendra Nath Sen, Madan Mohan Sarma, Gour Govinda Mullick, C. Madhuram, A. V. K. Krishnan Menon (President, Ramkrishna Vivekananda Samity, Calicut), and Rajendra Kumar Das (Rs. 1/-			
each)	45	0	0
Rs.,	524	15	6
(1932)			
Names.	Rs.	A. I	2.
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Rs.	A. I	
Sankat Tran Samity, through its President,	Rs.	A. I	
Sankat Tran Samity, through its President, Acharya Prafulla Chandra Roy			
Sankat Tran Samity, through its President, Acharya Prafulla Chandra Roy Messrs. Raghabji, Khemji & Co., Bombay,	200	0	0
Sankat Tran Samity, through its President, Acharya Prafulla Chandra Roy Messrs. Raghabji, Khemji & Co., Bombay, through Seth Ram Das Lakshmi Das	200	0	
Sankat Tran Samity, through its President, Acharya Prafulla Chandra Roy Messrs. Raghabji, Khemji & Co., Bombay, through Seth Ram Das Lakshmi Das Seth Iswardas Lakshmidas, J. P. Bombay	200 100 50	0 0	0 0
Sankat Tran Samity, through its President, Acharya Prafulla Chandra Roy Messrs. Raghabji, Khemji & Co., Bombay, through Seth Ram Das Lakshmi Das Seth Iswardas Lakshmidas, J. P. Bombay Seth Purushotamdas Harkisendas, Bombay	200 100 50 50	0 0 0	0 0 0
Sankat Tran Samity, through its President, Acharya Prafulla Chandra Roy Messrs. Raghabji, Khemji & Co., Bombay, through Seth Ram Das Lakshmi Das Seth Iswardas Lakshmidas, J. P. Bombay Seth Purushotamdas Harkisendas, Bombay Seth Purshotamdas Iswardas, Bombay	200 100 50 50 25	0 0 0 0 0	0 0
Sankat Tran Samity, through its President, Acharya Prafulla Chandra Roy Messrs. Raghabji, Khemji & Co., Bombay, through Seth Ram Das Lakshmi Das Seth Iswardas Lakshmidas, J. P. Bombay Seth Purushotamdas Harkisendas, Bombay Seth Purshotamdas Iswardas, Bombay Si, Haripada Dutt	200 100 50 50 25 20	0 0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0
Sankat Tran Samity, through its President, Acharya Prafulla Chandra Roy Messrs. Raghabji, Khemji & Co., Bombay, through Seth Ram Das Lakshmi Das Seth Iswardas Lakshmidas, J. P. Bombay Seth Purushotamdas Harkisendas, Bombay Seth Purshotamdas Iswardas, Bombay Si. Haripada Dutt Sm. Mrinalini Devi	200 100 50 50 25	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0
Sankat Tran Samity, through its President, Acharya Prafulla Chandra Roy Messrs. Raghabji, Khemji & Co., Bombay, through Seth Ram Das Lakshmi Das Seth Iswardas Lakshmidas, J. P. Bombay Seth Purushotamdas Harkisendas, Bombay Seth Purshotamdas Iswardas, Bombay Seth Purshotamdas Iswardas, Bombay Sj. Haripada Dutt Sm. Mrinalini Devi Kumar Surendra Nath Law	200 100 50 50 25 20	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0 0
Sankat Tran Samity, through its President, Acharya Prafulla Chandra Roy Messrs. Raghabji, Khemji & Co., Bombay, through Seth Ram Das Lakshmi Das Seth Iswardas Lakshmidas, J. P. Bombay Seth Purushotamdas Harkisendas, Bombay Seth Purshotamdas Iswardas, Bombay Si. Haripada Dutt Sm. Mrinalini Devi	200 100 50 50 25 20 10	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0 0

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Names.	Rs.	A.	P.
Brought forward	484	0	0
Ladies, Sabitri Sammilani	7	0	0
A Member of the Mission	5	0	0
Phani Bhusan Sarkar	2	0	0
Sj. Ganapati Sarkar	2	0	0
A Friend	I	0	0
Sj. Jatindra Mohan Pal Chowdhury	I	0	0
" Sarat Chandra Chakravarty	I	0	0
,, Prabhat Ranjan Ghose	ı	0.	0
Rs.	504	0	0

Appendix E.

Members (Life).

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	Names.	Province by Province.
I.	Sm. Jasvanti Ranchhordas	Bombay.
2.	" V. L. Lukhmidas …	,,
3.	Sj. I. Lukhmidas, J.P., Ex-Sheriff	"
4.	,, P. Harkisendas	"
5.	" R. Laxmidas, B.A	"
6.	" R. Harkisendas	"
7.	" Jatindra Nath Basu, M.A.,	
	M.L.C	Bengal.
8.	"Kiran Chundar Dutt, M.R.A.S.	"
9.	" Bhuban Mohan Das, M.A	"
10.	" Chandra Kumar Sarkar, Con-	
	sulting Engineer	,,
II.	" Suresh Chandra Mazumdar	"
12.	" Ganendra Nath Banerjee	Secretary of the second

NAMES.						Province by				
							Province.			
13.	13. Sj. Hari Pada Dutt						Bengal.			
14.	,,,	Sai	lendra N	ath C	coomer,	A.M.,				
			I.S.E. (Lond.	.)		, ,,			
15.	15. ,, Radha Nath Dutt, Pleader ,,									
16.			G. Gov				"			
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					(1930)					
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	ŀ	rov	ince.				N ₁	umber.		
	Ben	gal				•••		184		
	Tra	van	core State	2		- J		22		
	Sou	th 1	Malabar					12		
	Mys	sore	State			***		4		
	Bon	ibay	· · · ·					18		
	Coo	rg	•••		5			2		
	Cocl	hin	State					2		
	Beha	ır	1 ***				•••	2		
	Mad	lras	•••				• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	I		
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								248		
								240		
			Member.	s (Ora	dinary-	-Monast	ic).			
				- (1930)					

Members (Ordinary-Lay).

•	(1931)	Province by
	NAMES.	Province.
ı.	Sm. L. Gouri Amma	Travancore.
2.	" K. Devaki Amma	"
3.	Sj. C. K. Krishna Pillai, B.A	,,
4.	" P. Chandrasekhara Pillai	111
5.	" M. R. Narayana Pillai, B.A.,	
	B.L	3)
6.	" K. Shivaram Pillai	*,,
7.	" M. C. Gopala Pillai, B.Sc	"
8.	" Parameswaran Pillai	"
9.	" N. Kunja Raman Pillai, M.A.,	
	B.L	1)
10.	,, V. G. Sankara Narayana Pillai,	
	B.A., B.L	,,
II.	" S. Ramavariar	11
12.	" N. K. Rama Pathaiyar, B.A	South Malabar
13.	" V. Gobinda Kutty Nayar	, in
14.	Sm. Lakshmy. H. Chennaya, B.A.,	
	B.T	Mysore.
15.	Sj. P. S. Vangusvami	- 11
16.	"K. Chennappa	
17.	" Nripendra Bhusan Das	Assam
18.	", Rajendra Kumar Das	Bengal.
19.	" Samarendra Nath Bose	"
20.	Dr. Rakhal Chandra Nag	33-
21.	Sj. Full Chand Shou	"
22.	" Amulya Govinda Maitra	33
23.	Prof. Manmatha Mohan Bose, M.A.	"
24.	Sj. Bhupendra Nath Ganguly	
25.	" Abinash Chandra Guha	"
26.	,, Gostha Behari Sett	11 6

Members (Ordinary-Lay).

(1932)

		NAMES.		Province
I.	Sj.	Sudhir Chandra Sarkar		Bengal.
2.	,,	Hara Parbati K. Mitter, M.	Sc.	,,,
3.	,,	Kartic Chandra Mitter		"
4.	,,	Balai Chandra Biswas		"
5.	,,	Bhola Nath Ray		, ,,
6.	,,,	Manomohan Ghose	•••	
7.	,,	Haridas Saha	•••	1)
8.	,,,	Bhudhar Prasad Ghose		"
9.	,,	Sachindra Nath Sen Gupta		33
10.	,,	Lalit Mohan Bhattacharj	ee,	
		M.A		"
II.	,,,	Dwarka Nath Chatterjee		3. 33
12.	,,	Surendra Chandra Das		. ,,
13	,,	Ramendra Bhusan Lahiri		"
14.	,,	Bankim Chandra Banerjee		33
15.	,,	Asok Prasanna Bal		"
		Members (Ordinary-Me	onas	tic).
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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

Appendix

Balance Sheet as at

FUNDS AND LIABILITIES.

Fund	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
As per last a/c Add surplus for the year				T 742	8	6
Building Fund (Earmarked			_	1,744		Ü
Donation received)				900	0	0
Relief Fund (Famine)	524	15	6			
Less Spent	521	12	9	3	2	9
Loan				349	5	3
				2,995	0	6

F.

31 December, 1931.

PROPERTY & ASSETS.

				Rs.	A.	P.		
Building a/c.				2,844	0	6		
Library			***	61	0	0		
Typewriter		•••		60	0	0		
Deposit (Calcutta Electric Supply Corporation								
Ltd.)			•••	25	0	0		
Cash at Post Office	e Savings Ba	ank		5	0	0		

Total Rs. 2,995 o 6

Income & Expenditure account for

					Rs.	A.	P.
Monthly Allowance					273	8	0
Loss on Sale & Purchase	e of G	. P.	Notes		142	8	0
House Rent					100	0	0
General Charges					98	I	3
Printing				•••	68	0	0
Postage and Stamp		****			53	. 0	0
Electric Installation				•••	48	2	0
Travelling Charges			44 . 1	***	19	3.	6
Light Charges				•••	14	14	0
Medical				•••	10	0	0
Stationery				•••	7	8	0
Registration Fee					3	10	0
Surplus for the Year si	hown	in th	e Balan	ice			
Sheet					464	2	9
			Total		1,302	9	6

the year ending 31st December, 1931.

			Rs.	A.	P.
and the		4 J.,	1,066	12	0
•••			115	0	0
***	***		71	0	0
1000	•••		49	13	6
	•••			1,066 115 71	115 0

Total Rs. 1,302 9 6

Examined and found correct.

(Sd.) M. K. DEB,

Corporate Accountant.

8/2, Hastings Street, Calcutta the 7th April, 1932.

Balance Sheet as at

FUNDS AND LIABILITIES.

	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
Fund.						
As per last a/c	1,742	8	6			
Add Surplus for the year	209,	10	II	1,952	3	5
Building Fund				1,195	14	3
Relief fund (Famine as per						
last a/c.)				3	2	9
Relief fund (Mymensing Tor-						
nado Relief)	540	15	6			
Less spent	351	5	9	189	9	9
Library Fund				5	4	0
Loan				202	6	3.
· ·			. *	3,548	8	5

31st December, 1932.

PROPERTY & ASSETS.

				Rs.	A.	P.
Building a/c.				3,021	9	9
Library		•••		145	9	0
Typewriter				60	0	0
Deposit (Calcutta	Electric S	Supply Corpo	oration)	25	0	0
Cash in hand		Rs.	56-15-6			
At Post Office	Savings 1	Bank Rs. 239	-6-2	296	5	8

Total Rs. 3,548 8 5

Income & Expenditure account for

				Rs.	A.	P.
Land Revenue				408	0	0
Dispensary				36	8	0
Electric Installation		***		87	0	0
Light Charges				44	15	9
General Charges	***		• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	16	4	0
Monthly Allowance			•••	154	0	0
Printing Charges		40.00	- 100	57	12	0
Postage Charges				28	0	9
Stationery	***	•••	***	9	0	3
Travelling Charges				26	I	3
Lecture Charges		<		12	I	0
Surplus for the year	shown	in the E	Balance			
Sheet				209	IO	II
		266				

Total Rs. 1,089 5 11

the year ending 31st December, 1932.

				Rs.	A.	P.
Subscription		***		425	0	0
Donation		4	1.	175	0	0
Admission Fee	•••			34	0	0
Light Charges				44	15	9
House Rent				408	0	0
Interest				2	6	2

Total Rs. 1,089 5 11

Examined and found correct.
(Sd.) M. K. DEB,

Corporate Accountant.

8/2, Hastings Street, Calcutta the 13th February, 1933.

Appendix G.

INAUGURAL ADDRESS OF

Srimat Swami Nirmalananda Maharajji (President, Vivekananda Mission), as Chairman of 1st Religious Convention of Nikhil Banga Ramakrishna Mahotsab, (Calcutta) commencing on Friday, the 20th Feb., 1931.

The call has come to me. It is the inscrutable way of the Great Mother why She should choose the humblest of the humble to serve Her. There lies the mystery of the Shakti, and there lies the beauty of it, and there lies the eternal love of the Divine in whose eves there is true Samadarsana—all children are equal to Her. It is the same with her divine child Paramahansa Dev. With him there was no distinction between creeds and faiths, between past and present, between the powerful and the lowly, between the rich and the poor, between the devout and the profligate and as well between the temple and the marketplace. He embraced all and made obeisance to all, taught all and learnt from all. That spirit which wended its way through all the labvrinthine ways and alleys of Bagh Bazar, his favourite haunts, for picking up the yearning souls, as his material vehicles equally transfused itself into all the labyrinthine complexes of modern civilisation for giving his magic touch to the unillumined, the oppressed and the tempest-tossed wayfarers of the world. I bow to him that he has, in that eternal spirit of charity and compassion, chosen me as his Ratha, but he is still the Rathin that speaketh unto you.

I shall not, on this solemn occasion, trouble you with dry teachings and sayings. There were thousand and one occasions when the Great Prophet himself used to remain a mute spectator before a thirsting soul with occasional glimpses of smiles hovering between his penetrating eyes and quivering lips. For verily, it is not the Baikhari speech alone that speaketh, but the Pashyanti speech that rises in the heart like waves and passes beyond the bounds of the flesh, and falls like breakers on the hearts of the audience like sweet caresses to lull them, to soothe them, to embrace them. I am one of them who has had the good fortune to experience this touch, and I shall fail in my task if I do not carry that touch. May he infuse in me his Shakti!

Again it is in that eternal fountain-head of Atman of that Great Saint that every warring creed found a synthesis in his flow of love, religions became universal in his simple but illuminating and vitalising rays of wisdom, and the down-trodden and the cast-away found their haven of grace and peace in his programme of Seva.

Verily! Verily! such a God-Man was born whose 96th birth-day we have the proud privilege to celebrate, here, with you all, respected brethren of different nationalities, faiths, and creeds—one whose life was a living evidence of the depth and sweetness of all religions. One whose holiness, blessedness, unstudied wisdom, child-like peacefulness and affection towards all men and whose consuming, all-absorbing love for God were unique and unprecedented. The Great Vivekananda truly said that long before the ideas of universal toleration and sympathy were mooted and discussed in any country in this world,

there lived a man whose very life was a Parliament of Religions itself.

Indeed, the day of harmony has dawned with the birth of such a Prophet, who is the fulfilment of the Sages of the past—a summation of them all, who could conceive of such a harmonious blending of conflicting creeds and dogmas of the different faiths of the world and who demonstrated it in every moment of his life.

Brethren, we remind you of a few precepts of the Great Prophet of Synthesis when offering you a cordial welcome on behalf of the Nikhil Banga Ramakrishna Birthday Celebration Committee:—

(1) Religion is One.

Verily, I say unto you, many a religion springeth up, spreadeth and decayeth by the Will of the Lord.

Therefore, unto all the devotees of all the religions of the world, Adoration!

Religion, however, is One: it hath been so for all times, and it shall be so for ever!

(2) The Lord is One, though He hath many Names.

Alas! Alas! that man should be quarreling with his brother-man, yea, quarreling in the name of Religion! in the dear Name of the Lord Himself!

That the brother Hindoo, the brother Mussalman, the brother Christian should all be quarreling among themselves:

Understanding it not that He that is called God in one country is the Same that they call Brahman in another:

Yes, the Same that is called Father in Heaven, is the Same that is called Allah:

For, verily, I say unto you, the Lord is One; But the Lord hath a thousand Names!

CONCLUDING SPEECH OF

Srimat Swami Nirmalananda Maharajji (President, Vivekananda Mission) as Chairman of the Religious Convention (2nd day) of the Nikhil Banga Ramkrishna Mahotsab (Cal.) on Saturday, the 21st February, 1931.

GENTLEMEN,

You have heard what the different religious protagonists say about their doctrines and cults. I hope being generally Hindu you cannot but show respect for others' opinions and others' points of view. As our great Gita lays down all the paths that lead to Him—ये यथा मां प्रयासे नांसधेन भनाम्बह

You have also heard the differentiations that make out the peculiar features of a particular faith. It all depends on the emphasis that one gives on one or other aspect of human life. And I hope you have also seen the underlying unity wherein lies the all-embracing character of such a communion as we, humble harvest-gatherers in the field, endeavour to find out on this platform. Whether you are JNANI to explore and comprehend with the power of your intellect to realise the truths of here and hereafter, or you are a man of action to serve and co-operate so that men may achieve and glorify, or you are a researcher to attain to higher and higher pursuits of human potentialities, or a devotee to dive deep into the bliss of the spiritlife, there is underlying all these different view-points a holy thread that binds all, a synthetic entity that transcends and yet interpenetrates the domains of intellect, feeling and action. It may be a subjective realisation to satisfy an individual or it may often be an objective orientation of a life-divine that throws its beneficient radiation to raise the lowly, to enliven the lifeless and to buoy up a foundering soul. I believe every faith has its prophets to give that orientation.

My friends, we have met here not only to pay our respects to all those prophets and seers, but also to avoid error of the propagandists as well. Our purpose here will be only half accomplished, if we do not meditate on the underlying unity and forget the lines of differences. I must emphasise that this is possible first, by a subjective realisation pervading the entire outlook, the real man evolves in the sphere of समर्भन. There are two and two Spheres where perfect equality is attainable—one in the level of the death where there exists the equality of dust -particles are absolutely equal to one another; and another sphere of the Paramahansic stage where the differences of men and things are but the differences of functions each fulfilling itself in one's own way. That equality is attainable by respect for all, liberty for all, liberty to think and liberty to act, liberty to commit mistakes and liberty to rectify them, liberty to take initiative and liberty to lie low, and finally by love for all transcending the form and convention of particular creeds and dogmas, the canons of legislators and moralists, the claims of the old and the new, as well as the limitations of either quq or yw. I am fortunate that I have come in touch with such a synthetic personality in Ramakrishna Dev. You may have come across others. All respect to them. I shall close this conference with only three words: Respect, Liberty and Love which I have witnessed in my revered Guru transformed into self-respect, self-realisation and self-renunciation. It is these key-notes that are necessary to be remembered in this troublous times of warring nations and malignant reactions. If in this small endeavour of ours we can imprint on you these three words Respect, Liberty and Love, we think we preach the mission of Paramahansa Ramakrishna Dev. And in that mission we sow the seed of a great synthesis.

SRI RAMAKRISHNA AND THE DEPRESSED CLASSES.

In reply to the Address presented by the Depressed Community of Kerala, Swami Nirmalananda Maharaj, the President of the Mission said:—

Ladies and Gentlemen, before thanking you wholeheartedly for your kind words of welcome, let me congratulate you on the success which has crowned your efforts to establish an Ashrama dedicated to Sri Ramakrishna, in this locality. To you, my brothers, whom centuries of social oppression and tyranny have given the designation of 'depressed', to you I bring a message of hope and joy. Your era of emancipation has dawned. You can no longer be depressed, you cannot any longer be suppressed, Brothers, cheer up, cast off your gloom and lethargy. Great changes are coming over the world in all spheres, religious, social, economic. Come up and take your rightful place therein. Your great ancestors have given you a religion which shows that you are Divine, that you are the children of God, as much His children as are the socalled high class Hindus. Your scriptures declare God

as Viratpurusha, whose body is the entire cosmos. He is all in all. If the Brahmin had his origin in the face of God, the Sudra had his in the feet of the selfsame God. Both are parts of the selfsame being. We are taught to see Him everywhere, not only in the Brahmin and in the Pariah, but the same in the cow, in the elephant and in the dog.

But a section of the Hindus instead of seeing and worshipping the same God in every being wanted to cut Him up. For their own aggrandisement, to serve their own selfish ends, they mutilated this God and cut off this feet. And they have been worshipping a crippled God, not a God of the Vedas, but one of their creation. Sri Ramakrishna came to restore to us the whole God. He came for the good of all, the high and the low, of man, woman and child, not only of India, but of the whole world. May He enlighten your hearts so that you may see God enthroned not only in a Ashrama, within the four walls of a temple or church, but in the heart of every living being, in every atom of the universe.

I have been told that when the Swami Vivekananda visited Malabar it was a Nambudiri Brahmin who was the first to offer Viksha at his feet and I was wondering why the Nambudri community was not coming forward to help the cause in Kerala. That Viksha cannot become fruitless. And now I see it has begun to bear fruit. The Ashrama-site at Ottapalam was the gift of Nambudiri gentlemen. And now, this Ashrama at Puducod has been made possible by the gift of another Nambudiri gentleman. The future is, therefore, bright for Kerala.

I thank you for the kind sentiments you have expres-

sed regarding me. But I may tell you that I take no credit for the work done through me. I have no Power of my own. It is the Power behind me that is working. May that Power guide you all.

(The West Coast Reformer, 4-5-1932.)



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- " Haripremananda.

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- " Jatindra Krishna Dutt.
- "Bimalendu Bose, M.A.

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- ", Purnananda Bose, B.Sc. (Edin.).

Prof. Manmatha Mohan Bose, M.A.

As the lamp does not burn without oil, so man cannot live without God.

-Ramakrishna.

Man is man, so long as he is struggling to rise above nature.

-Vivekananda.

Man will come to higher and higher truths and ultimately attain the highest.

—Saradananda.