

Association Notes

EXTRACTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDING OF COUNCIL

"The Council accepted with regret the resignation of Mr. Sailendra Nath Banerjee from the Council. Mr. Zakaullah Khan was elected to fill up the vacancy in the Council for the period."

"The letter of the Indian Science Congress Association was considered and a sum of Rs. 100/- was sanctioned to be paid as donation. The Secretary was requested to negotiate i.e., number of delegates etc.

(C. M. dated 29-6-37.)

ADDITION TO THE MEMBERSHIP LIST*

Associate Members

Ledger No.	Name	Date of election.
483	Kalyan Kumar Sen Gupta, B.E., C.E.,	29-6-37
484	Dinendra Kumar Nandi	1-9-37
485	L. S. Varman, M.E., A.M.T.I. (Lond.), M.I.C.E. (Ind.),	4-9-37

ASSOCIATION LIBRARY NOTES

September 1937

The Association of Engineers was invited to send its delegate to the Bengal Library Conference to be held on the 24th and 25th July, 1937 at the Ashutosh Buildings, The University, Calcutta and accordingly the Council nominated Mr. N. N. Rudra, the Hony. Librarian, to represent the Association in the Conference.

The Chairman of the Conference Mr. W. C. Wordsworth, M.L.A. opened the Conference, while the Premier of Bengal, Hon'ble Mr. A. K. Fazlul Huq delivered the presidential address.

* [Names of those candidates who have been notified that their application have been accepted are not included in the list until one year's subscription together with the admission fee has been received from them by the Association.—Editor]

A number of important and interesting papers dealing with various aspects of library work and development were read and a lively general discussion followed in which Mr. N. N. Rudra took a prominent part specially in connection with the development of rural and small urban libraries.

The subject of Technical Libraries—their requirements and organisation especially in a place like Calcutta, was introduced during the discussion by Mr. Rudra. He laid stress on the low standard prevailing at present amongst such libraries, of which there are only few in Calcutta, and pointed out the necessity of close co-operation amongst such libraries with a view to avoiding unnecessary duplicating of costly technical publications in the different libraries, of a suitable and uniform better arrangements for mutual interchange of books amongst the members of different libraries. The attention of the Conference was drawn to the fact that the grants in aid received from the Calcutta Corporation are very inadequate and in some cases much less than those enjoyed by many of the ordinary libraries even though some of the latter might have a mushroom growth only. The Chairman in his closing remarks concurred with the speaker in that such grants are disproportionately low considering the costly publications they have to equip themselves with.

One of the important findings of the Conference has been the necessity of passing a Library Act incorporating measures to control the formation and guidance of libraries.

The Library Publicity Exhibition opened by the Mayor of Calcutta, proved an attractive feature. A large number of interesting up-to-date information cards and pamphlets on modern library developments and organisation were displayed and various systems of indexing and cataloguing used for library work with some typical exhibits interested the members greatly.

The Conference provided a splendid opportunity for its members to realise what libraries and librarianship stands for.

LIBRARY NOTES

The following books have been purchased and added to the stock of books in the Library since our last announcement in December, 1936 issue of this journal:—

Principles of Plain and Reinforced Concrete Construction

Probst	1
Thackers' Calcutta Street Directory .. .	2