

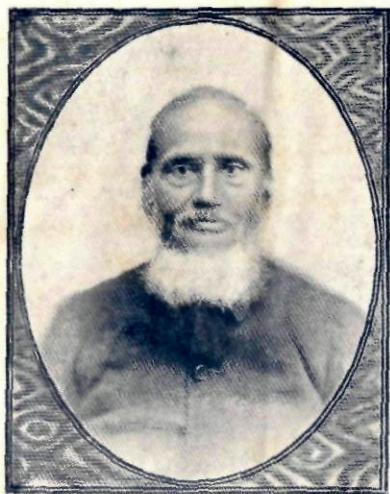
ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR

1931

Barnagore Sasipada Institute

Estd. 1876.



The late FOUNDER, *Amicus humani generis*.



Presented on the 21st August, 1932.

UNDER THE PRESIDENCY OF

PROF. BENOY KUMAR SARKAR.

THE
SASIPADA INSTITUTE.

BARNAGORE
Established 1876.

Annual Report for the year 1931.

Institute :—“Omnia vincit labor.” The truth of the maxim can never be better demonstrated than from the persistent efforts of the late revered Sevavrata Sasipada Banerjee of devoted memory—whose untiring zeal alone for the cause of the people could win over the stumbling blocks of jealousy, malice, ignorance and superstition that always stand in the way of philanthropy and reform every where in the world—all the more in evidence in Barnagore. So before beginning any work in this Institute Hall, we can not without ingratitude but bow our heads before the All-Pervading Being and to that public spirited Sasipada Banerjee whose unseen magnetic influence has guided the activities of the Institute all these fifty six years of its existence.

Present Oraganisation :—After rendering thirty years of ungrudging service, Sevavrata Sasipada, in the year 1905, finding the task to

be too much for the growing infirmities of his advancing years, made it over to a Board of Trustees consisting of seven members, by a Deed of Trust. The following members now form the Board :—

1. Dr. Lalit Mohan Banerjee, L. M.S. Presdt.
2. Mr. Romesh Chandra Mukherjæ, B. A.
Vice-President.
3. „ Sarat Chandra Lahiri, M. A., B. L.
Advocate, High Court, Secretary.
4. Sir Albion Raj Kumar Banerjee, M. A.,
C. S. I., C. I. E., I. C. S., (Retd.), KT.
(The illustrious son of the Founder.)
5. Mr. Panchugopal Chakraverty, Hony.
Magistrate & Chairman Barnagore Municipality.
6. Mr. Panna Lal Moitra, Zemindar.
7. Mr. Akshoy Kumar Mukherjee, B. L.,
Commissioner, Barnagore Municipality.

Registered as an Association :—The Institute has been registered as an Association under Act XXI of 1860 and a Committee of Management was formed in 1905, under the terms of the Trust Deed.

Objects :—(1) Keeping the Sasipada Hall in proper condition.

(2) Maintenance of the Circulating Library

and the Reading Room attached to the Institute, and the Museum, the gift of the Founder.

(3) Diffusion of useful knowledge by monthly lectures delivered by erudite scholars and popular orators.

(4) Carrying on of other good and charitable works in and around Barnagore.

Committee of management for the year under review :—

Dr Lalit Mohan Banerjee, L. M. S., *President.*

„ Harinarain Maitra, L. M. S.	} <i>Vice- Presidents.</i>
„ B. L. Shome, L. R. C. P.	
Babu Akshoy K. Mukherjee, B. L.	
„ Anukul Chandra Banerjee	
„ Narayn Chandra Moitra	} <i>Jt. Secretaries.</i>
„ Narayn Das Mukherjee, B. sc.	
„ Ranjit Kumar Dhole, B. sc.	
„ Kanai Lal Dhole, B. sc., B. L.	} <i>Asst. Secretaries.</i>
„ Ajit K. Banerjee (<i>Treasurer.</i>)	
„ Pulin Behari Neogi	} <i>Librarians.</i>
„ Jebon Krishna Dutt	

Members :—

Dr. Sarat Kumar Basu
Babu Atul Krishna Basu
„ Lalit Mohan Banerjee

them during the year have been shown in the statement of receipts and expenditure as given in Appendix A.

Library ;—There is no committee but desires a well-equipped library of its own, and the Sasi-pada Institute Committee is no exception to the rule. Persistent demands of the readers for novels notwithstanding, the committee has tried and succeeded in raising the number of really good literature. We have purchased 144 books worth Rs. 203-5-3 during the year under review. With the improvement of the library, members have increased from 60 in 1930 to 90 during 1931. The total number of books of the library was 3619 English and 2519 Bengali, as compared with 3609 English and 2322 Bengali in 1930. The number of Books in circulation during the year was 5302 (5233 Bengali, 69 English) as against 1456 in 1930.

This comparison clearly demonstrates that addition of books goes a long way towards increasing the number of readers. But funds left after meeting book-binding and other miscellaneous expenses hardly allow us to purchase for the library the number of books required.

Babu Amarendra Nath Moitra

„ Jebon Dhan Basu

„ Jnanendra Nath Ghose

„ Nibaran Chandra Paul

„ Tarak Nath Chatterjee

„ Tincowri Moitra

„ Phanindra Nath Moitra

„ Shasanka Sekhar Chakraverty

„ Baroda Prosad Banerjee

„ Sasisekhar Ghose

„ Sachindra N. Chakraverty B. sc.

„ Bolai Lal Paul, B. A.

„ Panchanon Paul

„ Kaliprasanna Dey

„ Panchugopal Banerjee

Kaviraj Sarat Chandra Ghose, B. A.

Babu Urmivrata Chatterjea, B. A.

Endowment :—The total funds of the Institute consist of $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ G. P. Notes of the face value of Rs. 14,700/- kept in safe custody with the Accountant-General, Post and Telegraph, Bengal, as per details shown in Appendix B. The funds are under the direct control of the Board of Trustees who administer them and make half-yearly allotments towards the maintenance of the Institute. The sums received from

ed to the successful competitors. Babu Sasi Sekhar Ghose earned the thanks of the committee by presenting a prize for the former and Babu Krishna Dass Paul by awarding a silver medal, in memory of his brother late Motilall Paul, to the successful girl reciter. A donation of Rs. 5/- was granted to a poor student to help him with part of his fees for appearing at the Matriculation Examination.

Lectures :—Mr. Shusil Kumar Ghose, B. L., Secretary, All Bengal Library Association delivered an instructive lecture on the "Library movement."

Dr. D. N. Moitra delivered, towards the close of the session, a series of seven lectures on "His recent tour in Europe" illustrated with lantern slides which proved so highly interesting that the Hall was packed to suffocation on each day of his lecture. Our sincere thanks are due to these kind-hearted gentlemen.

Philanthropic Works :—A contribution of Rs. 20/- was made towards the East Bengal Flood Relief Fund, during the year under review, through Dr. D. N. Moitra, Secretary, Bengal Social Service League.

Museum :—The Institute maintains a mu-

The accommodation question is another serious problem. Any attempt at extending the library in any direction is now practically impossible, in as much as, all spaces available to the library at present, are now fully occupied. For extension of the library, therefore, ways must be devised for extension of its accommodation. For both these purposes, we approach the public-spirited admirers of the Institute (of whom, we daresay, there are many not only here but also abroad), to lend their gracious hands.

The Free Reading Room :—The Free Reading Room is kept open twice daily, in the morning and in the evening. But for want of funds we have not been able to keep up the standard of so useful a section of the Institute. Formerly, many editors of journals and magazines used to encourage the Reading Room by sending us free copies of their Journals. May we take this opportunity to approach them for their kindly extending the same help, as they did before ?

Chhatra Sammilani or the Students' Association :—An essay competition on the life of late poet Satyendra Nath Dutt, and recitation competitions for boys and girls were organised under the above auspices and prizes were award-

committee has to perform the unpleasant task of recording with profound sorrow the deaths of Babu Kedar Nath Banerjee, President of the Board of Trustees, and Dr. Hari Narayan Moitra, one of the Vice-Presidents of the committee. The loss that the Institute has sustained by their demises has left gaps, which, we are afraid, will never be filled up. A fund called Dr. H. N. Moitra Memorial Fund has been raised by a sub-committee and $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ G. P. Notes to the face value of Rs. 100 have been purchased, the annual proceeds of which are to be spent over a prize on a literary subject during the anniversary of the Institute. A portrait of the Doctor, painted at a nominal cost by Babu Bhuban Mohon De, was unveiled by Dr. B. C. Roy, M.D., Mayor, Calcutta Corporation, on the 26th December, 1931. The committee desires to thank Babu Bhuban Mohon De for his charitable instinct and the donors of the Fund, the names of whom are to be found in Appendix C.

Accounts :—The annual statement of Receipts and Disbursements is given in Appendix A. Our thanks are due to Babu Sarat Chandra Chatterjee for the pains he took in auditing the accounts of the Institute.

seum which is a unique of its kind in the locality.

Girls' School :—The Girls' School established by the Founder in 1865 holds its classes in the Institute Hall and has made considerable improvement since. But lack of adequate accommodation for the ever-increasing number of girls, a fact which has often been reiterated, is now a thing which cannot any longer be neglected without seriously jeopardising the efficiency of the school. Attempts are being made by the Girls' school committee to tackle the problem of providing more adequate accommodation, and in this direction the donation of Rs. 300/- by the local Municipal authorities must be acknowledged with gratitude. The school committee has been trying to persuade the Trustees to come to its help in the matter. We take this opportunity of making an earnest appeal to the charitable instincts of the generous public for the necessary pecuniary help in the matter. In this connection we would be failing in our duty if we do not express our gratitude to the National Indian Association of London for their kind patronage of the school.

Obituary ;—In the year under review, the

factor in ameliorating the educational well-being of the locality, the Municipality will be pleased to raise their grants still further for which we will remain greatly indebted.

We take great pleasure in recording with sincere gratitude the keen interest of Babu Sarat Chandra Lahiri, M. A., B. L., Secretary to the Board of Trustees, in all spheres of Institute activities but for whom the Institute could never have achieved the success it has attained. Our sincere thanks go to Babu Narayan Chandra Moitra for his presentation of books almost every month and for his close co-operation with Institute matters. Thanks are also due to Babu Batuk Prosad Banerjee for his gift of a set of monthly Basumati (17 bound up copies) and to Bangiya Sahitya Parisad Mandir which help us by their Quarterly Patrika. Lastly, we thank most sincerely Dr. Naresh Chandra Sen Gupta, M. A., D. L., M. L. C., who inspite of his manifold activities managed to preside over our last anniversary and kindly presented us with a copy of his good books.

Regarding the further improvement of the Institute no better remedy appears to us than

Meetings :—Besides General Meetings, there were eight ordinary and two special committee meetings during the year.

Prize Givers :—A list of such persons with their contributions is to be found in Appendix D. Our thanks are due to them.

Conclusion :—Amongst the committee members during the year under review, special recognition should be made of the untiring energies of Dr. Lalit Mohan Banerjee, L. M. S., (Presdt.), of Babus Narayan Das Mukherjee, B. Sc., and Ranjit Kumar Dhole, B. Sc., (Jt. Secs.), of Babu Ajit Kumar Banerjee (Asst. Secy. and Treasurer), of Dr. Sarat Kumar Basu and of Babu Jebon-dhan Basu and last though not the least of Babu Sivakedar Dutt who had to resign, during the close of the year from his post of the Treasurer due to ill-health. We are really sorry to lose from our committee the services of Dr. Lalit Mohan Banerjee for his physical troubles and we hope him again amidst us after a speedy recovery.

The Municipal authorities are to be thanked most sincerely for their kind raising of the annual grant from Rs. 84/- in the year 1930 to Rs. 120/- in 1931. We hope, however, that considering the function of the Institute as a most important

APPENDIX A.

INSTITUTE WORKING FUND

Receipt and Payment Account for the year ended 31st December 1931.

To Balance ...	...	126 9 6	By Purchase of New Books for Library ...	203 5 3
„ Trustees' Yearly Grant ...	276 8 0	...	„ Binding Charges of Old Books ...	35 14 6
„ Secretary, Devalaya, for expenses on Electric Fittings ...	85 0 0	361 8 0	„ Reading-room Expenses ...	44 8 0
„ Barnagore Municipality yearly Grant	...	120 0 0	„ Girls' School Grant for the year ...	101 8 0
„ Members' Deposit ...	...	5 0 0	„ Do for Balance for 1930 ...	21 0 0
„ Subscription from Members	202 0 0	...	„ Suspense—Barnagore Municipality for repair ...	...
„ „ in Advance	0 4 0	202 4 0	„ Furniture—Cost of Almirahs ...	50 7 3
„ Miscellaneous earnings—	...	...	„ Fittings—Electric wiring ...	6 13 6
„ Sale of Newspaper ...	5 2 3	...	„ Anniversary Expenses ...	65 9 3
„ Interest from Post Office	0 2 2	5 4 5	„ Chhatra Sammilani ...	20 7 3
			„ Lectures ...	79 8 6
			„ Donation to Bengal Flood Relief through Dr. D. N. Moitra ...	20 0 0
			„ Municipal Taxes ...	34 5 6
			„ Ground Rent and Zemindars' Taxes ...	5 9 0
			„ Printing and Stationery ...	21 3 6
			„ Miscellaneous Expenses ...	13 12 9
			„ Repairs ...	16 2 6
			„ Lighting ...	21 9 6
			„ Establishment ...	4 8 0
			„ Balance—Cash with Hony. Treasurer	77 4 3
			„ „ Alambazar Post Office	6 0 0
				18 2 2
				Rs. 820 9 11

I hereby certify that the Receipt and Payment a/c as above set forth has been prepared from the books and vouchers submitted to me and it is in accordance therewith.

ALAMBAZAR.

SARAT CH. CHATTERJEE,

16th January 1932.

Hony. Auditor.

NARAYAN DAS MOOKERJEE,
RANJIT KUMAR DHOLE,

Jt. Secretaries.
16-1-32.

that suggested by the late Founder of the Institute in the following words :—

“ I was called forth to the works of the Institute in my youth, to the youth, I would, before all, strongly appeal to take the rudder in their hands.”

This earnest appeal of the Founder—an ideal social worker—will certainly not go in vain.

“ Sans Dieu rien,” says the French proverb. God give us strength that the mission of the late Sevavrata Sasipada Banerjee be not frustrated.

In conclusion, we offer our heart-felt vote of thanks to the Honorable President, the ladies and gentlemen present.

URMI VRATA CHATTERJEA.
21st Aug. 1932. SARAT CHANDRA GHOSE.

Hony. Secretaries

APPENDIX B.

Funds for the Institute :—

General Fund—Rs. 7,900/-

Repair Fund — „ 6,800/-

Total Rs. 14,700/-

Statement of Accounts furnished by Mr. S. N. Roy Chowdhury, M. A., B. L. Secretary, Devalaya to the Secretary, of Board of Trustees, Sasipada Institute.

Accounts for the year 1931 of the Sasipada Institute Postal Savings Bank accounts at Cornwallis Street Post Office, General Fund Account No. 241302 Repair Fund Account No. 241303

General Fund Account No. 241302.

RECEIPTS :—		Withdrawn from General Fund during 1931	
Opening balance at the S. B.			
Pass Book on 1-1-1931.		Rs. 575 15 10	Rs. 85 0 0
Interest on G. P. Notes :—		10-3-31.	353 0 0
1-2-31	Rs. 1 12 0	15-8-31	130 0 0
1-5-31	„ 3 8 0		
		Rs. 568 0 0	

30-6-31	„ 133 0 0		
1-8-31	„ 1 12 0		
1-11-31	„ 3 8 0		
31-12-31	„ 133 0 0		
Interest on Yearly Balance at Pass Book	1-4-1931	Rs. 276 8 0	
		Rs. 11 15 9	
Less withdrawn		864 7 7	
		Rs. 568 0 0	
Balance at S. B. on 1-1-33		Rs. 296 7 7	

Repair Fund Account No. 241303

RECEIPTS :—		withdrawn from Repair fund during 1931	
Opening balance at the S. B. on 1-1-31		Rs. 671 5 6	
Interest on G. P. Notes :—			
1-2-31	Rs. 17 8 0	10-3-31	Rs. 568 0 0
1-5-31	„ 40 4 0	22-8-31	„ 56 8 0
30-6-31	„ 61 4 0		
1-8-31	„ 17 8 0		Rs. 624 8 0
1-11-31	„ 40 4 0		
31-12-31	„ 61 4 0		
Interest on Yearly Balance at 1-4-31		Rs. 238 0 0	
		16 3 7	
Less withdrawn		Rs. 925 9 1	
		Rs. 624 8 0	
Balance S. B. on 1-1-32		Rs. 301 1 1	

Account for 1931 of the money withdrawn from the S. B. and balance at the hand of the Secretary, Devalaya.

RECEIPT :—

Last Year's Balance in the hand of the Secretary, Devalaya	Rs. 7 6 3	17-1-31	Rs. 85 0 0	
Withdrawn from Savings Bank :—		13-2-31	" 90 0 0	
General Fund a/c	Rs. 568 0 0	Cost of remitting do	" 175 0 0	
Repair Fund a/c	Rs. 624 8 0	Sent to Jt. Secy.	" 0 13 6	
		Sasipada Institute :—		
	Rs. 1199 14 3	20-8-31	Rs. 100 0 0	
	0 2 6	9-10-31	" 86 8 0	
Advanced by S. N. Ray Chowdhury	Rs. 1200 0 9	Expenses of purchase of Bonomali Dhobee's land (details given separately)	Rs. 186 8 0	

Whitewashing and petty repairs of compound walls	Rs. 834 0 9	
Postage Stamp	" 2 4 0	
Miscellaneous	" 0 7 6	
(Tram & Bus Fare etc)	" 0 15 0	
	Rs. 1200 0 9	

Details of expenses of Purchase of Bonomali Dhobee's land :—

Price	Rs. 775 0 0	
Stamp	" 12 0 0	
Registration charges	" 7 2 0	
Deed Writer	" 2 0 0	
Identifier	" 2 0 0	
Hari Charan Dhobee's Commission for negotiating :—	" 10 0 0	
Expenses of Search at Registration office, Courts & Collectorate	" 24 0 0	
Travelling Expenses	" 1 14 9	
	Rs. 834 0 9	

(Sd) SATINDRA NATH RAY CHOWDHURY.

APPENDIX C.

Names of Donors for the Hari Narayan Moitra
Memorial Fund.

1	Babu Saradindu N. Moitra	...	24	0	0
2	A Friend	...	15	0	0
3	Mr. J. L. Sword	...	10	0	0
4	Dr. Saruppada Banerjee	...	6	0	0
5	Babu Tincowrie Moitra	...	5	0	0
6	„ Prankrishna Shaw	...	5	0	0
7	„ Akshoy Kumar Mukherjee	...	2	8	0
8	„ Narayan Chandra Moitra	...	2	0	0
9	Dr. Khagendra Nath Chatterjee	...	2	0	0
10	Babu Pasupati Nath Moitra	...	2	0	0
11	„ Narendra Nath Banerjee	...	2	0	0
12	„ Satis Chandra Mitra	...	2	0	0
13	Dr. Hari Charan Paul	...	2	0	0
14	Babu Amarendra Nath Moitra	...	2	0	0
15	„ Amar Kumar Mukhopadhyaya	...	2	0	0
16	„ Sasi Sekhar Ghose	...	1	8	0
17	Dr. Mohit Kumar Dhole	...	1	0	0
18	Babu Anukul Chandra Banerjee	...	1	0	0
19	Dr. Sarat Kumar Basu	...	1	0	0
20	Babu Hira Lal Das	...	1	0	0
21	„ Narayan Das Mukherjee	...	1	0	0
22	„ Ranjit Kumar Dhole	...	1	0	0
			C. O.	91	0 0

		B. F.	91 0 0
23	Dr. Narendra Nath Paul	...	1 0 0
24	Babu Rakhal Chandra Mukherjee	...	0 8 0
25	„ Sarat Chandra Ghose	...	0 8 0
26	„ Nibaran Chandra Paul	....	0 8 0
Total Rs.			93 8 0

APPENDIX D.

Names of Prizes gives.

Babu Sasi Sekhar Ghose	...	Books
„ Krishna Dass Paul	...	Silver Medal
„ Narayan Das Mukherjee		Book

APPENDIX E.

Names of Gentlemen who presented Books to the Library.

Babu Narayan Chandra Moitra	18 Books
	(5 Eng. 13 Beng.)
„ Batuk Prosad Banerjee	17 Volumes of
	Monthly Basumati for 8 years.
Bangiya Sahitya Parisad	22 Books of their own
	Publication.
Dr. Sarat Kumar Basu	... 1 Book.
„ Jitendra Nath Moitra	... 1 „
Babu Narayan Das Mukherjee	B. sc. 1 „
„ Ranjit Kumar Dhole, B. sc.	... 1 „
Dr. Naresh Chandra Sengupta	... 1 „
Babu Siva Kedar Dutt	... 1 „