

To

The Principal,

Presidency College, Calcutta.

Sir,

I have the honour most respectfully to request you to be kind enough to move the Government to allow me to cross the efficiency bar<sup>at Rs. 460/-</sup> with effect from<sup>1st</sup> March, 1934.

As for my claims to the favour I beg to submit that nineteen and a half years ago I, then a B.Sc., joined the Department of Botany as the Laboratory Assistant in the Lower Subordinate Service; that I passed my M.Sc. in Botany in Class II standing first in order of merit, in 1915; that when the post of the third professor was created in this department, I was promoted to the Subordinate Educational Service as Demonstrator and subsequently, in 1922, to the Bengal Educational Service, due I believe, to my loyal and efficient service to the College and the department to which I belong.

During this period I passed my B.A. examination in English and Vernacular, and secured the Griffith Memorial Prize for 1925 on the strength of a thesis on Ancient Indian Botany which has been published by the Calcutta University in the form of a monograph under the title of 'Vanaspati'. I have contributed several articles to the Presidency College Magazine, to the Calcutta Review, the Journal of Indian Botanical Society, the Current Science, Sir P.C. Roy Commemoration Volume; over and above I have written several popular articles in Bengali for the Bharatvarsa and <sup>Prakriti</sup> Sisoosathi. Since 1924 I have been regularly contributing original papers to the Botany Section of the Indian Science Congress, and contributed a paper to the Fifth Inter-national Botanical Congress, held in 1931, at Cambridge.

As regards my extra-academic activities I beg to submit that I have almost always taken part in some capacity or other in connection with the Founder's Day Celebration and also in



in out-door games, specially Foot-ball, in recognition of which I venture to think, you have been kind enough to appoint me the Treasurer of the Foot-ball Section of the Presidency College Athletic Club this session.

In consideration of the above I hope you will kindly recommend my case favourably to the Government and oblige.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant

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