


ADDRESS PRESENTED TO  
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N behalf of the citizens of Bangalore, we, the members of the Entertainment Committee, request you to accept our sincere greetings on this occasion, which marks not only the conclusion of your memorable career in the University of Mysore, extending over nearly three and a half decades, but also the beginning of even more fruitful services in the wider national sphere. In the context of large-scale constructive activities going on at the present moment in our country, the services such as a person of your intellectual abilities and rich experience can render will be an opportune gift in the cause of the nation.

You have been associated with Central College most of your life. As a student you had the privilege of seeing it develop out of its affiliation to the Madras University into a premier institution in the independent Mysore University. You were, indeed, among the first batch of graduates to go out of this University. Your intellectual powers in the field of mathematics, won for you high academic distinctions in the University of Calcutta and later, the recognition of eminent mathematicians in this country and abroad.

During your eventful stay in the University of Mysore, you continually devoted your talents, time and energy to training a band of Scholars in Mathematics who are occupying responsible positions in different parts of India. The fostering of research and the happy blending of teaching and research received your special attention. Equally strong was your desire to encourage games and sports. Having been a sportsman of outstanding ability yourself, you rightly emphasized the importance of maintaining a proper balance between studies and sports. The Hockey field that was got ready during your regime as Principal carries with it the inspiration of your own splendid performance in that particular game. Some of us have not forgotten the happy times we had as boarders in the Central College Hostel when you were in charge of it.

For over a decade, Sir, under your guidance, the department of Mathematics in the University has made a name for itself as a centre of advanced studies. During the period of your Principalship you introduced several reforms among which it may be well to recall the introduction of the practice of praying before the beginning of the day's work, which has had a happy effect on the discipline of the students. The Science Exhibition, which was held last year and which owed its inspiration and guidance to you, afforded the public a profitable glimpse of the advanced work of the several departments.

You also adorned for a time the chair of Mathematics in the Engineering College and a number of Engineers who are engaged in several nation-building activities are proud to acknowledge your profound influence on their mind and character.

In you, Sir, we have always found an administrator essentially human and a teacher with a rare insight into the minds of students. Your unflinching courtesy and readiness to help persons in distress have endeared you to one and all.

We take this opportunity of expressing to you our appreciation of the contribution you have made to the educational advancement of our State by your long and devoted service to the University of Mysore as an inspiring Professor and an outstanding Principal of the Central College.

We request you, Sir, to accept this address as a token of our sense of appreciation and regard.

PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS,  
ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE.