

Introductory Note

The National Institute of Sciences of India was founded on the 7th January, 1935, at a meeting held in the Senate House of the Calcutta University under the chairmanship of Dr. J. H. Hutton, President, Indian Science Congress. This meeting was honoured by the presence of His Excellency Sir John Anderson, Governor of Bengal, who delivered an address and inaugurated the Institute. Thereafter Dr. L. L. Fermor, the President of the National Institute of Sciences of India, delivered his Inaugural Address.

The First Ordinary General Meeting of the Institute was held on the following day in the rooms of the Asiatic Society of Bengal.

The National Institute proposes to issue four publications :—

1. *Transactions*, to be issued at irregular intervals as material accrues.
2. *Proceedings*, for the record of the business of the Institute, and for the publication of short articles.
3. A consolidated *Comptes rendus* of abstracts of papers read before the National Institute and the co-operating Academies, and later of all papers published by scientific societies and organisations in India. Title not yet selected.
4. An *Annual Record* of the progress of Science in India.

The first number of the *Transactions* has already been issued, and this is the first number of the *Proceedings*.

In view of the fact that the Institute was founded in accordance with the scheme devised by the Academy Committee appointed at a meeting of the General Committee of the Indian Science Congress Association held at Bombay on the 3rd January, 1934, it is proposed to include in the first number of the *Proceedings* not only the record of the proceedings at the Inaugural Meeting and the First Ordinary General Meeting, but also the Report of the Academy Committee as accepted by the General Committee of the Indian Science Congress, the Provisional Rules to be enforced in the first year, and the List of Foundation Fellows of the National Institute.