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## MANDYAM TONDANUR NARANIENGAR, 1870-1940.

IN the *Gazette* for July 1907, Professor V Ramaswami Aiyar wrote .  
“ It may perhaps interest you to know that I have formed a Mathematical Society here. It started with twenty members. . . If the Society succeeds, its success will in no small measure be due to the *Mathematical Gazette*. ” One of the foundation members of the new Society was M. T. Naranienagar, who edited its periodical, the *Journal of the Indian Mathematical Society*, from its start in 1909 till June 1927. In the early days, his task can not have been light, his labours not inconsiderable. The drudgery of re-writing papers, re-drawing diagrams, so that compositor and draughtsman should be able to set about their work with confidence, the cares of proof-reading, made heavier by the inexperience, in those days, with which Indian printing faced the problems of setting up complicated mathematical formulae, must have made heavy demands on Naranienagar's patience and enthusiasm. These demands were met, to quote Dr. A. Narasinga Rao, with “ intense devotion and an unlimited capacity for silent, unobtrusive, tireless work ”—no bad equipment for an editor.

In 1933, the Society began the publication of a more elementary journal, *The Mathematics Student*, of which the number for March 1941 has just reached us. This is a Naranienagar Memorial Issue, and in it mathematicians from all India join to express sorrow at their loss, and pride in the ordered, noble life of a beloved colleague, whose influence on the development of mathematics in India has been so potent and so beneficial.