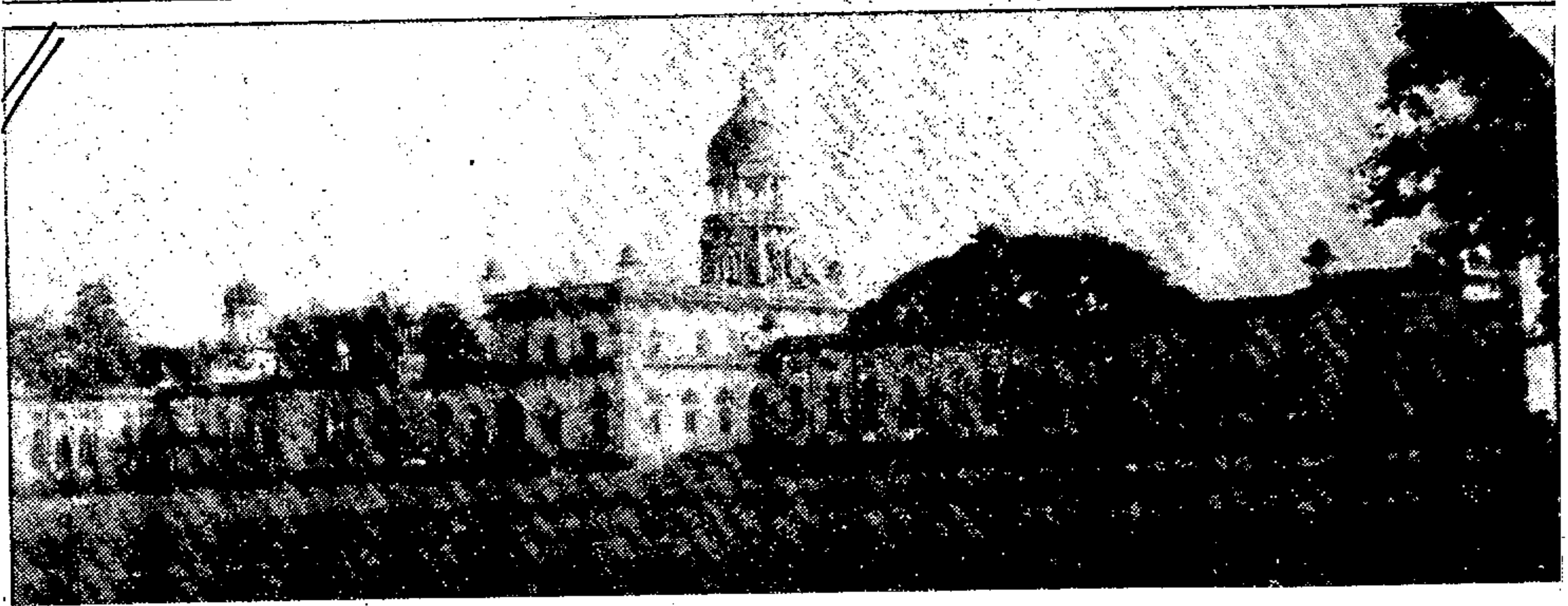


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A view of the 70-year-old Carmichael College, Rangpur.

Carmichael College: faded glory

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The Carmichael College, Rangpur, one of the oldest and leading institutions of the country, needs more attention and care by the authorities concerned.

Situated on 900 acres of land, the majestic architectural beauty of the college building attracts the eye of every visitor. But this 70-year old institution is now beset with many a problem.

With four thousand students, male and female, the college offers honours courses in fourteen subjects, and master's Degree in four subjects. But every department is facing an acute shortage of teachers.

At present on an average four to five teachers are found in each of the departments which need ten to twelve teachers each. Many different posts of teachers are lying vacant for years.

The college also do not have

an independent building to house its library for use by its large numbers of learners. At present two big rooms of the main college building are being used as library. There is no reading room where the students could pass some time on study. The students also suffer much for shortage of books. Similar is the condition of the departmental seminars. The glass-fitted and attractive "Book shelves" of the seminars in most of the departments are almost empty and stand merely as "show cases".

Although there are three hostels, including one for Hindu students, these are not sufficient to meet the accommodation needs of the students. And the inmates of the hostels are found to mutualise their accommodation problems by way of "doubling", "tripling" or "flooring". The students also complain about "poor quality" food supplied in the hostels.

This large institution has no

hostel for female students. A good number of female students seeking admission to honours and Master's Degree courses is badly in need of a hostel.

Again, the Carmichael College transport system for its students & teachers. The students and the teachers of the college face a great problem in attending classes because the institution is about three miles away from the residential areas of the Rangpur town.

The teachers also face a number of problems. Due to lack of adequate residential facilities many of the teachers have to reside outside the college campus, and consequently face troubles in attending the college on time. Transport to and from the college is also costly.

If one enters the class-rooms of the college, one would be puzzled to see that the black boards are even worse than those used in most primary schools in the villages. The

class-rooms are also not adequately equipped with benches for students, and stages for teachers to deliver lectures from.

The students, teachers, and people of the locality look forward to necessary assistance from the authorities concerned to transform this famous and old educational institution of the country into a full-fledged university.