

**SWAMI VIVEKANANDA** (12th January, 1863 - 4th July, 1902): Narendranath Dutta, a graduate of the General Assembly's Institution from the Department of Philosophy, is one of the most illustrious alumni of the College. His meeting with Sri Ramakrishna and his subsequent transformation into the great Hindu monk, philosopher and religious teacher—Swami Vivekananda, is a significant piece of our nation's cultural and religious history itself. Celebrated as a youth icon, Vivekananda's contributions towards the philosophical readings into religion as a universal experience of transcendent reality, common to all humanity is immensely significant towards the concepts of rationalism, secularism and tolerance. The College stands testimony to the development of this great mind and personality as he spent the years from 1880 to 1884 with us.