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NIRAD C CHAUDHURI CBE (23rd November, 1897 - 1st August, 1999): Nirad C Chaudhuri was a renowned writer who lived in England for long after graduating from the College in History. Always a prolific writer and researcher, he was an active member of the Historical Society of the College that was set up by Prof. Kalidas Nag. He, however, held great admiration for the British Empire, and was thus a misfit in his age as he was criticised for his pro-British sentiments in a newly independent nation. But Chaudhuri was arguably the greatest writer of nonfiction among Indians in the twentieth century. His best known work was his memoir titled *The Autobiography of an Unknown Indian* (1951). He received an honorary doctorate from the University of Oxford in 1990 and an honorary CBE (Commander of the Order of the British Empire) from Queen Elizabeth II in 1992.