

II. NOTES AND NEWS.

MEDAL FUND : MADRAS CONTRIBUTION.

ON the occasion of the death of Maharajah Sir Gajapati Rao, K.C.I.E., who gave the munificent donation of £300 towards the Medal Fund of this Society, a letter of condolence was sent in the name of the Society in the following terms :—

“INDIA OFFICE, WHITEHALL, S.W.
30th June, 1903.

“DEAR MR. SIM,—I see by the Indian papers that Maharajah Sir Gajapati Rao of Vizagapatam, K.C.I.E., recently died. I have thought that, as this nobleman was not only a member of the Royal Asiatic Society, but also gave a most liberal donation towards the Public School Prizes and Medal Fund, I might be pardoned if I venture in the name of the Council to ask you kindly to convey to his family an expression of sympathy with them in their bereavement.

“H. A. Sim, Esq., C.I.E.”

“Very truly yours,
A. N. WOLLASTON.

“UPLANDS, WALT AIR.
2nd August, 1903.

“DEAR SIR,—Mr. Sim sent me your kind letter of sympathy with us in our grief on the death of my revered father-in-law, Maharajah Sir Gajapati Rao, and I communicated the message of condolence to Maharani Lady Gajapati Rao and his daughter the Rani Sahib of Wadhwan, who desire me to convey to you their best thanks for your and the Royal Asiatic Society's esteemed sympathy, which has comforted us very much. Though the philanthropy of my father-in-law is well known, that the Royal Asiatic Society in England, of which you are an honourable member, should take such good note of it, and think it fit to send us a kind expression of your appreciation of it, and your good-natured sympathy with us in our grief, are unmistakeable proofs of the high-mindedness that characterizes you, and kindly accept our heartiest thanks for the same, and communicate them to the noble Society.

“Yours respectfully,
(Signed) V. VARABHADRARAJU OF KURUPAM.

“A. N. Wollaston, Esq., C.I.E.”