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THE SOUTH INDIAN SCIENCE ASSOCIATION, BANGALORE AND ITS SERVICE TO THE CAUSE OF SCIENCE FOR OVER THREE DECADES

The South Indian Science Association was formed in 1919 by Sri S. S. Iyer, Sri K. N. Kini and Sri P. Ramaswamy Iyer with Sri P. Ramaswamy Iyer as its first Secretary. During those days there were no scientific societies and this Association was the only forum for scientific lectures. The Managing Committees spared no effort to fulfil the aspirations of scientists. Many eminent scientists both from India and abroad (Sir C. V. Raman, Sir K. S. Krishnan, Prof. M. N. Saha, Dewan Bahadur N. N. Iyengar, Prof. Engelhardt, Dr R. W. Williams to mention a few) have addressed the members of the Association. It is a matter of great pride that Sir C. V. Raman announced for the first time the Nobel Prize winning discovery 'New Radiation' (later described as Raman Effect) on the 16th March 1928 under the auspices of this Association. The Association celebrated the Silver Jubilee of the Raman Effect on the 16th March 1953 in a befitting manner on which occasion Sir C. V. Raman addressed the members of the Association.

As time advanced specialization started, new

societies devoted to every branch of science came up with the result there was no need for a general society like the South Indian Science Association. The Association had served its purpose for over three decades.

The General Body of the Association which met under the chairmanship of Prof. M. R. A. Rao on the 24th Feb 1987 at the Chemistry Department, Central College, Bangalore decided to terminate the Association and donate the balance amount belonging to the Association to the Chemical Society, Central College, Bangalore. On this occasion the Association would like to place on record its gratitude to various scientists responsible for the activities of the Association, to the late Prof. B. Sanjiva Rao who was President of the Association for over 20 years and to the Department of Chemistry, Central College, Bangalore at which most of the lectures were held.

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