

Malaviya Centenary Begins

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The Malaviya Centenary proper may not have started yet—it will actually take place in December—but a beginning has been made with the inauguration of what has been named the 'Mahamana Janma-Shatabdi' lectures. The Governor of U.P., who delivered the inaugural address of the series on Friday, under the chairmanship of Mr. Aney, dwelt mainly on the problem of national integration. One of the seniormost of our public men today, and a widely respected leader of the Indian freedom movement, Mr. Aney has had a long and rich experience of working in close cooperation with the late Pandit Malaviya. As such, he was eminently fitted to preside over the inaugural function of the lectures. His presidential address, replete as it was with reminiscences of Pandit Malaviya, suitably ushered the series. We hope and trust that this city, which has the honour of being not only Pandit Malaviya's birth-place but also the scene of his early activities and, indeed, of the process of his efflorescence into a 'Mahamana', will observe the Centenary in a truly befitting manner. We need hardly add that for this paper the Malaviya Centenary has a very special significance; for it was Pandit Malaviya who founded the Leader on Vijaya Dashmi day in the year 1909.