

## Prof. Max Born.

PROF. BORN arrived in Bangalore on the 24th September 1935 and left it again to Cambridge on 18th March 1936, having been in residence at the Indian Institute of Science for a period of six months. His main work during this rather short period was the delivering of a course of lectures on optics. This general course, which was attended by the students and members of staff of the Physics and Mathematics Departments of the Institute and the Central College, consisted of nearly 25 to 30 lectures on molecular optics, on the quantum theory of radiation and on the recent neutrino theory of light. In addition to these general lectures, a set of about a dozen lectures were delivered to a special batch of students on the new field theory. Prof. Born also took constant part in the usual weekly Monday seminars at the Institute and was a source of inspiration to workers in different branches of experimental and theoretical work. During this short period, Prof. Born also delivered about

half a dozen public lectures where he showed that he was a great master in the art of making the results of abstruse scientific thought popular to the lay public. Prof. Born also had, working under him, students dealing with problems on the Kristallgitter theorie, neutrino theory of light, unitary theory of field and matter and optical activity.

It is amazing to speculate how profoundly a great scientific mind can influence those coming in contact with it. A most eminent physicist alike in the depth of physical insight and the breadth of mathematical power, a most lovable personality with a fine sense of humour and a teacher whose encouragement and kindness to his students is perhaps unparalleled — these are some of the traits that strike any one who has come into constant contact with



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Prof. Born. The one thought uppermost in the minds of his students and admirers is that it might be possible for him to come again to Bangalore and stay for a longer period.

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