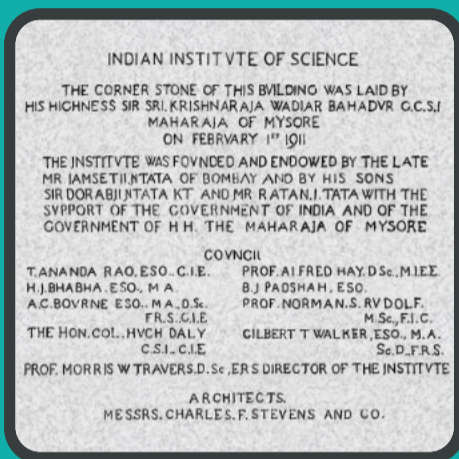




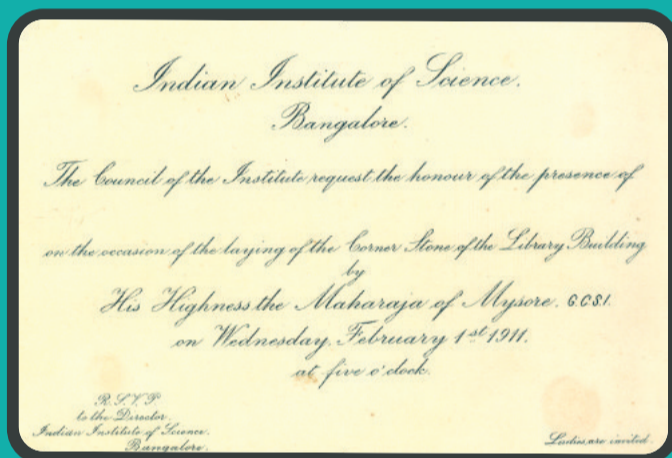
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# THE FOUNDATION STONE



The Foundation Stone of the Main Building

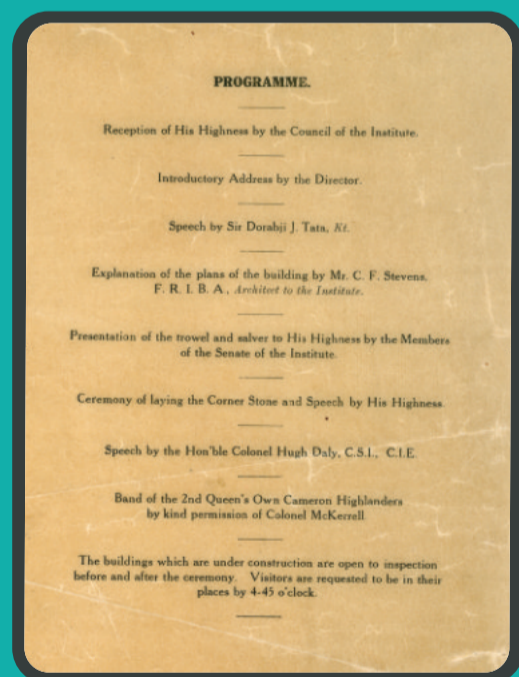
The Foundation Stone (also called the Corner Stone) was laid only on 1 February 1911 in a ceremony presided over by Maharaja of Mysore Krishnaraja Wadiyar, almost three years after the construction of the Main Building began.



The Council's invite for the ceremony

It was a grand event; the approaches to the venue were decorated and a huge shamiana was erected beneath the crane that was helping with on-going construction.

The day began with a reception organised by the Council for the Maharaja. The ceremony of laying the stone followed introductory remarks by the Director Morris Travers and speeches by Dorabji Tata (son of JN Tata) and CF Stevens, the architect of the building.



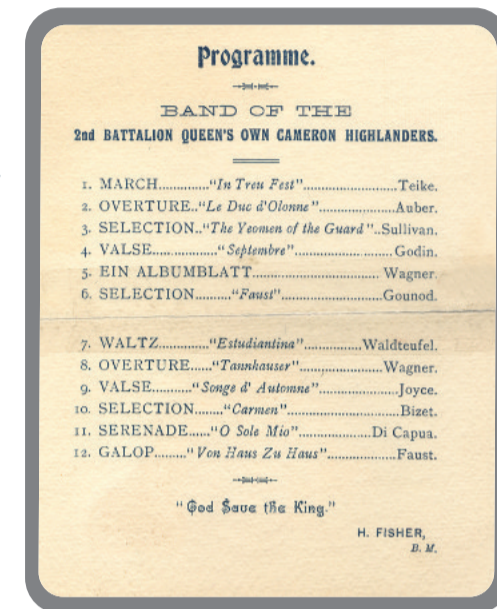
The programme of events



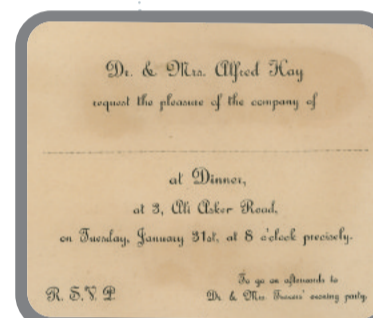
A report in the Times of India on the ceremony

After the ceremony, the Maharaja gave a long speech in which he recounted the history of how the Institute was set up and also paid tribute to the founder JN Tata.

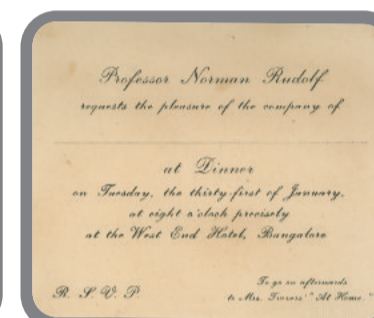
Those assembled at the ceremony were then treated to music performed by the Band of the 2nd Battalion Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders.



Music following the ceremony



Invite for dinner party hosted by Alfred Hays (Professor, Electro-Technology) and his wife



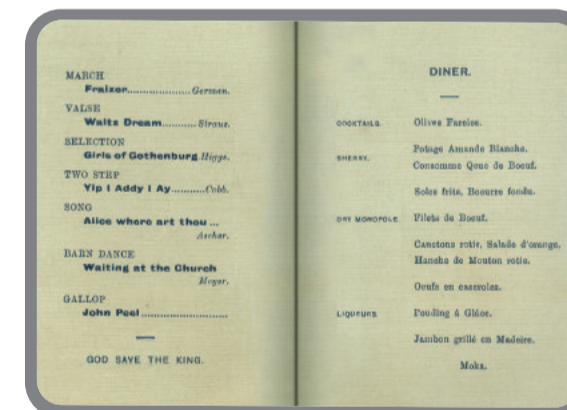
Invite for dinner party hosted by Norman Rudolph (Professor, Applied Chemistry)

The celebration was not limited to 1 February. The eve of the Foundation Stone laying ceremony – the night of 31 January 1911 – also saw several social gatherings to celebrate the occasion.

The Travers had a post-dinner party late that night following soirées organised by the Hays and Norman Rudolph.



Invite for the post-dinner party hosted by the Travers



Menu for the Travers' party