

HOMŒOPATHIC NEWS

206TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF HAHNEMANN AT BERHAMPORE, MURSHIDABAD, WEST BENGAL

The 206th Birth Anniversary of Hahnemann was celebrated at Berhampur, Murshidabad, by the Murshidabad District Homœopathic Medical Association, with great eclat. The Meeting took place at Gurudas-Tarasundari Institution, Khagra, and was largely attended. Shri Shasanka Sekhar Sanyal M.A., B.L., M.L.C., a renowned Lawyer and veteran political leader presided, and Shri Sripada Bhattacharjee M.L.C., Chairman, Berhampore Municipality was the guest-in-chief. First of all, the portrait of Hahnemann was garlanded. Various speakers spoke on the various traits of Hahnemann's life. Dr. S. M. Bhattacharjee M.A., P.R.S.M., President of the District Association, dwelt at length on the various efforts and activities of the Homœopaths of India for the State recognition and further development of Homœopathy, starting from the reference to Homœopathy in the Indian Parliament in 1948, down through the constitution of the Homœopathic Enquiry Committee in 1949, the strong representation to the Planning Commission in 1952, the formation of the Ad Hoc Committee on Homœopathy in 1952, Homœopathic Advisory Committee in 1952, resolutions of the Health Ministers' conferences, especially of the one at Rajkot in 1954, to the constitution of the Dave Committee and its recommendations in 1955. He brought home to the audience the logical conclusion that though the Homœopaths of India ably rose to the occasion for the State recognition of Homœopathy, and various resolutions on Homœopathy were adopted by the Central and State Governments, on various occasions, nothing tangible has been done for Homœopathy during the two Five-Year-Plan periods. The resolutions were hy-passed or foiled on the slightest pretext, and consequently large sums of money earmarked for Homœopathy were allowed to lapse. We are up against the arrogance, dogmatism and avowed animosity of an influential section of the society, which is striving hard to oust

Homœopathy,—the most popular medical science in India, from her very soil. Shri Sripada Bhattacharjee, M.L.C., Chairman, Berhampore Municipality, the chief guest of the day, paid warm tributes to the life of Hahnemann—and the excellences of Homœopathy, and pledged himself to do whatever was in his power for the cause of Homœopathy. Sri Shasanka Sekhar Sanyal, the President of the Meeting said that the banner of Homœopathy was fluttering high in India, because of the unique popular support it received, and none could pull it down. Homœopathy was not only a science but also a Philosophy, and the Philosophical approach of Homœopathy to the problems of man-kind in disease, along with the saintly character of many Homœopaths, won for it a place in society, from which no one could dislodge it. Mr. Sanyal whole-heartedly pledged his support for the State recognition of Homœopathy. The Meeting then ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair and the chief guest. All present were treated to a light refreshment.