

LATE LAMENTED DR. SURENDRA NATH SENGUPTA

Birth—25th Aswin 1292 (Bengali) at Barisal, East Bengal.

Death—18th Poush 1370 (Bengali) at Bagui-ati, 24 Parganas.

After finishing education in the Central Homœopathic College (established by Dr. J. N. Ghosh) started practice at the age of 24 years and served Homœopathy continuously for 55 years.

Started his career as a teacher in the Regular Homœopathic College (established by Dr. R. C. Nag) which yielded many an illustrious Homœopath like Dr. G. Dirghangi, Dr. K. K. Roy, etc.

He had intimate contact with the leading Homœopaths of those days, viz.—Dr. J. N. Ghosh, Dr. R. C. Nag, Dr. Younan, Dr. P. C. Majumdar, Dr. D. N. Roy and others. His Homœopathic education was immensely enriched by this intimacy.

It was Dr. R. C. Nag who first introduced teaching of the Organon in Homœopathic Colleges. Surendra Nath was the most beloved student of Dr. Nag and was appointed by the latter as the Professor of Organon and Materia Medica in his College. He became very popular as a teacher from the very beginning.

After this he established a homœopathic College by himself, named The Union Homœopathic College. This college also yielded many able Homœopaths like Dr. Bhaba Ranjan Roy Chowdhury, Dr. Satyendra Nath Roy, (Editor, Homœopathic Chikitsa), Dr. Bimal Bose (Principal, Indore Medical College).

He loved his pupils like his own children and lodged many of them at his own house. Whenever any student pleaded inability to pay college fees, he at once sanctioned him free-studentship. Many people took undue advantage of his philanthropic mind. All the same, he maintained a highly efficient teaching staff from his own pocket. These methods naturally threw him into dire financial stringency and he was forced to merge his institution with the Bengal Allen Homœopathic Medical College, in 1927, at the request of Dr. N. M. Chowdhury. From that year up to 1942 he remained the Vice-Principal of the latter College and taught Organon and Materia Medica. Dr. Sengupta had a substantial

part behind the wide fame of the Bengal Allen Homœopathic Medical College.

Dr. N. M. Chowdhury later separated from the Bengal Allen Hom. Med. College and established the Hering Homœopathic College in collaboration with Dr. Sengupta. Here also Dr. Sengupta remained the Vice-Principal. Since the time when the Hering Homœopathic College became merged with the Protap Memorial Homœopathic Medical College up to 1958 he remained the Principal of the Institution.

He was the 4th President of the General Council & State Faculty of Homœopathic Medicine, West Bengal with a tenure of 3 years.

In 1938 he presided over the Andhra Provincial Homœopathic Conference and at the eve of his life in 1962 he presided over the 2nd Session of the West Bengal State Homœopathic Practitioners' Conference.

He was the Editor of the "Hahnemannian" (an English monthly Homœopathic Journal) published by the Economic Homœo. Pharmacy, and also of "Homœopathic Chikitsa" (a Bengali monthly Homœopathic Journal) published by M. Bhattacharyya & Co. He wrote many erudite articles in many Homœopathic Journals.

He was the author of two highly valuable books, viz.— "Science and Philosophy of Homœopathy" (which enjoys immense popularity all over the English-speaking world), and a Bengali translation of the Organon (very popular in Bengal).

His life was thoroughly dedicated to Homœopathy. May his soul rest in eternal peace.