

CONDOLENCE MEETING

Minutes of the condolence meeting of the General Council & State Faculty of Homœopathic Medicine, West Bengal held on Thursday, the 27th June, 1957 for the death of Dr. N. M. Choudhuri, M.D., the President of the Council.

The Chairman, Dr. Triguna Banerjee, invited the members to speak on the life of Dr. N. M. Choudhuri, and the following members paid their tributes.

(a) Dr. B. K. Sarkar said "It is with a sad heart that we have assembled here under the shadow of the Lord of Death who spares none, neither the rich nor the poor, neither a genius nor a fool. We all knew that Dr. Choudhuri was lately keeping a very indifferent health, but we did not expect that the end was so near. He lived to the ideal of Organon, he was a healer first, and a healer last, and his therapeutic success made him famous all over India. He was a giant amongst the profession, and served the suffering humanity for half a century, and endeared himself to the people. He kept up the tradition of late Drs. Mahendra Lal Sarkar, P. C. Majumdar, Younan etc. Full of years and honours Dr. Choudhuri must have died with a pleasant consciousness that many men and women have been made happier by his life.

(b) Dr. N. K. Banerjee recalled Dr. Choudhuri's association with the Bengal Allen Homœopathic Medical College and Hospital as its Principal, and stated that the position of the college as it is to-day was due to his untiring efforts and financial aids. Dr. Banerjee also mentioned that Dr. Choudhuri lived for 77 years, but he lived like a prince charging a fee of Rs. 100 for consultation which signified his ability and masterly prescription, great hold on his clientele, and popularity all over India.

(c) Dr. D. N. Chatterjee while offering his tributes to the departed soul mentioned about his association with Dr. Choudhuri as a student of the Bengal-Allen Homœopathic Medical College in 1923. He referred to the contribution of Dr. Choudhuri towards Homœopathic literature by publishing his "A Study on Materia Medica and Repertory" which contained

valuable case-records and his personal experiences about the use of Homœopathic drugs.

(d) Dr. S. N. Ghosh, while paying his tributes to the memory of Dr. Choudhuri stated that the condolence meeting was called for expression of grief at the sad demise of Dr. Choudhuri. But he was of opinion that grief should not be expressed, as Dr. Choudhuri's soul was living in heaven enjoying happiness and tranquility after so many years of hard labour. We have assembled here to express our grief for his absence. His death has deprived us of his guidance and services for the cause of Homœopathy.

He also recalled his association with Dr. Choudhuri, as his student, and specially mentioned his skill as a lecturer, for which Dr. Ghosh left his own college to join Bengal Allen, and his amiable and charitable disposition and untiring efforts for the growth of Homœopathy in this country. He stated that during the fifty years of practice Dr. Choudhuri never accepted any unhomœopathic principle. His innate goodness of character made him an easy prey, on many occasions, for exploitation by many designing persons.

(e) The Chairman stated that it was not possible to say all about a great man, but he felt very proud that the Council had Dr. Choudhuri as its President, and recalled his last meeting with Dr. Choudhuri at the Convocation in which the students received honours certificates and medals from the hands of Dr. Choudhuri. The recipients were also very lucky in having the certificates and medals for their merit from the greatest Homœopath of the time. He felt shocked at his death as the void created could not be filled up easily. His art of teaching was excellent and his mastery over his favourite subject drew students from all over India and made Homœopathy popular, and Bengal, the home of Homœopathy in India. He requested the members to stand up and observe two minutes' silence for the peace of his soul.

2. (a) The members stood up and observed two minutes' silence, praying for the peace of his soul and passed the following resolution :

(b) *Resolution :*

- (i) "This Council places on record its deep sense of regret and feeling of an irreparable loss to the Homœopathic profession of India by the sad demise on the 14th June, 1957 of Dr. N. M. Choudhuri, M.D., our revered president, who was a luminous star of the first magnitude in the Homœopathic firmament of India and on whom fell rightly the mantle of late Drs. Mahendra Lal Sircar, P. C. Majumdar, Younan etc.
 - ((ii) Resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the members of his bereaved family.
 - (iii) Further resolved that the proceedings of to-day's meeting be given publicity in the Press and Homœopathic Journals.
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