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The All-India Homœopathic Congress under the auspices of the All-India Institute of Homœopathy, held its session in New Delhi on April 9 and 10 under the presidentship of Dr. S. K. Das, B.Sc., M.B. of Calcutta. About a hundred delegates from the different states of India attended the meetings. The session was inaugurated by S. J. Mohan Lal Saxena, Rehabilitation Minister. After the presidential speech delivered by Dr. Das, a paper on the need of having separate institutions for Homœopathic teaching, was read by Dr. J. N. Majumdar M.Sc., M.B., F.R.C.S. of Calcutta. The first day's session concluding with discussions regarding the adoption of new constitution for the All-India Institute of Homœopathy.

The second day's session commenced with taking up of several resolutions which were eventually passed in the open meeting. Dr. B. K. Sarkar M.B. of Calcutta occupied the chair. After lunch Dr. B. K. Sarkar read a paper on "Synthesis in Medicine with special reference to Homœopathy" which was very much appreciated by the delegates. At 6 P.M. the Hon'ble Rajkumari Amrit Kaur, accompanied by the Director-General of Health

Service, India, attended the meeting. She was given an welcome address by Dr. K. G. Saxena, General Secretary, on behalf of the All-India Institute of Homœopathy. Rajkumariji made a suitable reply. In course of her reply she mentioned that there can be no question of antipathy on the part of any Government to those who are seeking to serve suffering humanity. "But it must be Government concern" said she "that all who practice the art of healing shall conform to recognised standards of qualification". In addition to these she spoke of giving the best training possible to all under-graduates in the science of Homœopathy and providing facilities for "Post-graduate" study and Research works without which no science can progress.

The session concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Dr. J. N. Majumdar.

SYNTHESIS IN MEDICINE WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO HOMŒOPATHY*

A request came to me from the organisers of this meeting to speak something about Synthesis in Medicine with special reference to Homœopathy. I readily complied with this request for reasons more than one. The most important reason lies in the fact that since the publication of the report of the "Bhore Committee" on "Health Survey and Development", an opinion is gaining ground amongst the Professionals and the State Officials that the State of any country should encourage, support and rather identify itself with one *System of Medicine* which should be regarded neither as Eastern nor Western, foreign or indigenous but as an

* Paper read at the All-India Homœopathic Congress, New Delhi on the 10th April, 1950.