

THE MIDNAPORE HOMOEOPATHIC MEDICAL COLLEGE & HOSPITAL

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1948-49 ,

1. *Short History*—This institution was started in December 1945 with the object of providing facilities to the moffussil students for the academical study of Homœopathic system of treatment according to the course prescribed by the State Faculty of Homœopathic Medicine, West Bengal for D. M. S. Diploma Examination. Homœopathic system of treatment has gained much popularity due to its efficacy and cheapness in contrast with abnormally high cost of Allopathic or Kaviraji treatment and there is growing need all over the country for the properly qualified Homœopathic practitioners. At present all the Homœopathic Colleges are located in Calcutta. Due to abnormal congestion, want of accommodation, high cost of living and various other causes, very few people of the country-side have means or inclination to send their boys to Calcutta for study of Homœopathy. Starting of a College in moffussil town is calculated to solve this problem to a great extent. An out-door Homœopathic dispensary was also started with the College. Application for affiliation of this institution was submitted on 16th March 1946. Due to protracted communal trouble since 1946 and subsequent political and administrative changes there was no opportunity to further move the authorities for consideration of the application. With the advent of Independence of our country we are going through very difficult times and everything is in the turmoil. Homœopathy has been so long much neglected due to the apathy of a foreign rule. Due to persistent popular demand, the Government of Bengal before partition had established the General Council and State Faculty of Homœopathic medicine in 1943. After the partition The State Faculty has been functioning in West Bengal.

The General Council and State Faculty of Homœopathic medicine, West Bengal, appointed a committee of inspectors consisting of Dr. J. N. Mazumder, Dr. G. N. Sinha, Dr. B. K. Sarker, Dr. K. L. Ghose and Dr. S. C. Chatterjee to visit this institution to study the local conditions and to report on the desirability of granting affiliation to it. The committee visited this institution on the 9th January 1949. The members of the governing body and the teaching staff of the institution, the Chairman of the local Municipality and of the District Board, the Magistrate and Collector of Midnapore and other elites of the town met the members of the committee at a party in the new building of the institution. The members were pleased with our humble efforts and being convinced of the great potential future of the institution in case the affiliation is granted, submitted a favourable report for affiliating this institution to the Homœopathic State Faculty. The General Council and the State Faculty of the Homœopathic medicine granted affiliation to this institution for the four years D. M. S. course in the middle of April 1949, subject to certain provisions which would have to be fulfilled within two years of affiliation. It was duly published in the *Calcutta Gazette*, 29th May, in Notification No. MdL.1992/3 H13/49d/13-5-49.

The body for founding, control and maintenance of the Midnapore Homœopathic Medical College and Hospital has been duly registered under Joint Stock Company's Act 21 of 1860, (18127/329 of 1949-50) under the name and style of "Midnapore Homœopathic Medical Education Society". A separate trust deed has also been executed and registered on 6-8-49 by the District Registrar, Midnapore. The trust deed bears No. 1381 of 1949, Vol. No. 29, Book No. I, Page 1-6.

The trust board consists of the followings:—

1. Raja N. M. Deb, o.B.E., Jhargram.
2. Rai Sahib P. C. Dutt, Retd. Dy. Supdt. of Police.
3. Rai D. M. Bhattacharjya Bahadur, M.A., B.L., o.B.E.
4. Dr. M. N. Nag, Editor,

Medinipore-Hitaishi, Midnapore. 5. Sree Atul Chandra Bose, Pleader. 6. Dr. B. K. Sarkar, M.B., Member, General Council and State Faculty of Homœopathic Medicine, West Bengal, Principal, Dunham Homœopathic Medical College and Hospital, Calcutta. 7. Dr. Bankim Behari Chaudhury, D.M.S., Member of General Council and State Faculty Homœopathic Medicine, West Bengal.

The trustee has been vested with supreme power of controlling the Midnapore Homœopathic Medical College and Hospital.

II. THE MANAGEMENT

The institution is managed by the Governing body of the Midnapore Homœopathic Medical Education Society which was reconstituted on 17-6-49 with the following:—

1. Raja N. M. Deb, O.B.E., Patron-in-chief. 2. Rai D. M. Bhattacharjya Bahadur, M.A., B.L., O.B.E., President. 3. Rai Sahib P. C. Dutt, Dy. Supdt. of Police (Rtd.), 4. Dr. M. N. Nag, Editor, *Medinipore-Hitaishi*, Vice-President. 5. Dr. R. K. Deb, M.B., Principal and Treasurer. 6. Sree Atul Chandra Bose, Pleader. 7. Sree Mohendra Nath Mahato, Chairman, District Board. 8. Sree Charu Chandra Mitter, Chairman, Midnapore Municipality. 9. Sree Bankim Das Banerjee, Principal, Midnapore College. 10. Sree Annada Prasad Chaudhury, M.L.A. 11. Dr. B. K. Sarkar, M.B., Member, General Council and State Faculty of Homœopathic Medicine, West Bengal, Principal Dunham Homœopathic Medical College and Hospital, Calcutta. 12. Dr. Bankim Behary Chaudhury, D.M.S., Secretary.

The first session of the College commenced from July, 1949. The number of the students in the College is 17. The teaching staff consists of:—

1. Dr. R. K. Deb, M.B., Principal. 2. Dr. P. C. Roy Chaudhury, B.Sc., M.B., B.S., D.P.H. 3. Dr. B. K. Sarkar, M.B., Gold-medalist. 4. Dr. A. B. Dutta, M.B. 5. Dr. S. Das, M.B. 6. Dr. Santosh Kumar Mukherjee, M.B. 7. Dr. N. Mukherjee, L.M.S.S.A., (London). 8. Dr. S. N. Dey, L.M.F.,

L.T.M. 9. Dr. S. C. Sen Gupta, L.M.F. 10. Sree Iswar Chandra Bisui, M.Sc., Professor of Physics. 11. Sree S. K. Bose, M.Sc., Professor of Chemistry. 12. Dr. Durga Charan Das, Registered Homœopathic Practitioner. 13. Dr. M. N. Nag, Registered Homœopathic Practitioner. 14. Dr. S. K. Misra, Registered Homœopathic Practitioner. 15. Dr. Bankim Behari Chaudhury, D.M.S., Homœopathic State Faculty, Member, General Council and State Faculty of Homœopathic Medicine, West Bengal, Secretary.

At present classes are held in the class rooms of the Midnapore Collegiate School and Midnapore College in two shifts morning and evening. The governing body offers its heartfelt thanks to the Principal of the Midnapore College and also to the Head master of the Midnapore Collegiate school for their kind permission to hold classes in their Institutions. The governing body will be failing in its duty if it does not acknowledge with regard and respect the services of the Allopathic Graduates and of the professors of chemistry and physics, (Midnapore College) who are teaching the students of this institution with keen interest.

III. GRANT IN AID AND DONATION

During the years under review the Midnapore District Board and the Midnapore Municipality renewed their grants at the rate of Rs. 125/- (Rupees one hundred and twenty five only) and Rs. 15/- (Rupees fifteen only) per month respectively. Raja Nara Sing Malla Deb O.B.E. of Jhargram who is patron-in-chief and the main prop and stay of the institution donated Rs. 1000/- (Rupees one thousand only) as building grant during 1948-49 and Rs. 3000/- (Rupees three thousand only) as maintenance grant for the year 1949-50 in addition to his previous donation of Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten thousand only).

IV. FINANCE AUDIT

A balance sheet showing cash receipts and expenditure on different heads and balance at the close of the year 1949

is enclosed. The balance sheet does not include value of assets. The Midnapore Central Co-operative Bank Ltd., Bankers of this institution. Mr. A. K. Sarker, B.Sc., G.D.A. and the Midnapore Peoples Co-operative Bank Ltd. are the is the honorary auditor. He audited the accounts for the period under review. Thanks are due to Mr. A. K. Sarker for his honorary service from the very birth of this institution.

V. DEVELOPMENT

Construction of a building for Hospital purpose on land measuring about 4 bighas acquired in March, 1947 was completed during the period under review. Other building projects for the college, different wards, staff quarters etc., are held up till funds as well as materials are available. But we hope to start construction works towards the end of this year.

Application has been made for taking settlement of a plot of Khas-Mahal land for construction of the Dissection Hall. Orders of the Commissioner, Burdwan Division granting the settlement are expected very soon; on receipt of which construction will be immediately taken up and dissection classes will be held in the ensuing winter.

VI. OUT-DOOR HOSPITAL

This dispensary was started on 3rd December, 1945 and thus will commence the 4th year of its career in December, 1949. The name of Sree Provat Chandra Dutta will ever remain fresh in our memory's page as it is with his initiative and financial help that the out-door charitable dispensary was ushered into existence.

Besides the town patients, patients from rural areas within a distance of about 20 miles around the town, come to this dispensary for treatment. The average attendance of patients per day is 70. Majority of the cases were malarial and other types of fevers, measles, influenza, mumps, tonsil affections, injury, throat, nose, ear and eye

troubles, cough, diarrhoea, dysentery, indigestion, infantile liver, rickets, and various types of female diseases. With regard to acute cases, in some instances, the result was marvellous. But as patients of chronic cases requiring long treatment do not turn up after a few weeks, the result of treatment of such cases is not definitely known. The outdoor department has proved its usefulness and the Governing Body is trying its best to open the in-door hospital soon.

CONCLUSION

Gentlemen, this is a brief account of our humble efforts to found and maintain a Homœopathic Institution—the first of its kind in moffusil to secure affiliation to the State Faculty of Homœopathic Medicine, Bengal. We had been privileged by God to be instrumental in ushering its birth. On you depends its nutrition and growth. It is the public support and faith in the truth and efficiency of Homœopathy that led to a discussion in the Constituent Assembly of India, arising out of a resolution moved by Sree Satish Chandra Samanta, a worthy son of Midnapore (the land of pioneer adventures in diverse directions) and consequent adoption of a resolution as amended by Sri Mohanlal Saxena, by the Assembly, the setting up of a Homœopathic Enquiry Committee by Rajkumari Amrit Kaur, Hon'ble Minister of health, Govt. of India. It is a red-letter day in the annals of Homœopathy in India that it became a subject for generalisation and discussion from all points of view, by the scientific minds of high orders, of the members on the said committee. It is a memorable and unique event that the committee composed of talents of diverse kinds and drawn from diverse sources, have issued a unanimous report, recommending thereby to the Govt. of India, to accord State Recognition to Homœopathy and to provide ways and means to give Homœopathy a chance to "to evolve its own genius." The committee has done so in the hope that official recognition of Homœopathy would induce the philanthropists and patriots to unstring

their purse for the cause of Homœopathy which is a boon to the suffering humanity; for the cause of providing means for proper teaching of the doctrines of Hahnemann, —who proclaims both an epoch and an era, who represents both discovery and progress, and who holds in one hand the past and in the other the future of medical achievement; and for filling up a gap between Allopathy and Ayurveda, as Homœopathy seems to combine in itself the elements of the two systems with a distinctive stamp of its own. If the Govt. of India accept the recommendations of the Homœopathic Enquiry Committee, it would justify the noble attitude of our National Government that it is determined to carry the benefit of any scientific system of medicine to the doors of each and every suffering national of its own, bereft of any dogmatism, sectarianism or any short-sighted policy. Our hats off to all concerned who are instrumental to bring this consummation, so devoutly wished for.

Like the state, the citizens also have a part to play. Would they not rise up to the occasion? This, our effort, is a war against the most formidable foe of humanity, the thousand and one illnesses that our human flesh is heir to. Will they not supply the sinews of this war? We do claim that our prayers and hopes will not go in vain. We hold a special claim on the people of Midnapore. This is the land, which claims one, as her greatest and noblest son, whose conversion to Homœopathy went a great way to forward the cause of this healing art. We allude to Pandit Iswar Chandra Vidyasagar, one of the most intelligent, enlightened and philanthropic men that Bengal has ever produced. Vidyasagar was suffering for long time from a complication of diseases which defied the best ordinary treatment. It was in the beginning of 1863 that under the influence of a few doses of the infinitesimal drops, he was rapidly restored to health. He was struck with the vast difference in curative efficacy between the two systems, Homœopathy and Allopathy, and with his characteristic love of truth and

philanthropy he became an ardent advocate and devoted missionary of the new faith. Much water has flown down the Ganges since his time—the old adage is justified once more "Great is truth and it will, indeed prevail." For the first time in the history of Homœopathy in India, nay in the whole world, such an attempt has been made to assess Homœopathy from all aspects and give it a place of honour, in the realms of science in general and the scientific healing arts, in particular. It is in the fitness of things that the first Homœopathic institution, outside of Calcutta, is being established in the land of Vidyasagar. And we do hope that the worthy descendants of Vidyasagar, will not lag behind to shower their blessings on that infant institution. On your help we count, on your goodwill and hearty co-operation depends the success of our humble attempt towards the noble cause. The preservation of health as the basic criterion of the regeneration of our nation is the crying need of the day. We are dead sure we will not be disappointed in this, our earnest appeal, to our countrymen. The lead has been given by Raja Bahadur of Jhargram who, true to his princely generosity, has already made a first instalment of donation of rupees ten thousand. His worthy manager, Sri Debendra Mohan Bhattacharjya, M.A., B.L., O.B.E. deserves special mentioning as he has taken upon himself the onerous task of managing the working of this institution. Busy as he is with multifarious activities, public and private, his love for a noble cause, his pity for suffering people and his phenomenal constructive genius have induced him to accept this office of the presidentship of the Governing Body of the Institution.

Sri Provat Chandra Dutt is a great patron of this institution. Following the ideals of 'Niskama Karma yogi' as laid down in our immortal Scripture, Srimad Vagwat Gita, he has sown the seed. It must be gratifying for him to see it develop into a many-branched tree in fullness of time.

Dr. B. K. Sarker, M.B., a great sympathiser of this institution offered his meritorious services and he spared no pains to add to the healthy growth of the institution. But for his help and able guidance it would not have been possible to take even the first step towards founding this institution and getting it affiliated to the Homœopathic State Faculty.

Let these examples and that of Raja Bahadur of Jhargram stand as a beacon light to show us the right direction in the uncharted sea of adventure which we have plunged into. Many large-hearted gentlemen have already contributed their quota and we expect others to join their hands with those pioneer donors.

In the name of Hahnemann, Homœopathy and the suffering humanity, let us work and "Work as we pray for indeed work is the body's best prayer to the divine." Let us conclude with our Great Swami Vivekananda's living message, which we take as our "Mantram" in life.

From Highest Brahman to the yonder worm,
And to the very minutest atom,
Everywhere is the same God, the All-Love;
Friend, offer mind, soul, body at their feet.
These are His manifold forms before thee,
Rejecting them, where seekest thou for God!
Who loves all beings, without distinction,
He indeed is worshipping best his God.

BANKIM BEHARI CHAUDHURY, D.M.S., *Secretary*,
Midnapore Homœopathic Medical College & Hospital.

AMENDED CONSTITUTION OF THE WEST BENGAL HOMOEOPATHIC STATE FACULTY

CONSTITUTION:

The said Council shall consist of the following members, namely:—