

ASSAM STATE HOMŒOPATHIC CONFERENCE

FIRST SESSION—SILCHAR, 3.3.51

REPORT

The first session of the Assam State Homœopathic Conference was held at Silchar Normal School Hall, on 3-3-51. The conference was attended by Homœopathic Practitioners from all parts of the State, and by distinguished ladies and gentlemen of the town and villages of Silchar. The house was packed beyond capacity.

The conference began at 5-15 p.m. Formally proposed by Dr. N. C. Banerjee of Silchar and supported by Dr. A. Kar of Karimganj, Dr. J. N. Mazumdar M.Sc., M.B., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S. (Edin.), F.R.C.S. (Eng.), D.M.S. (W. Bengal) took the presidential chair.

Col. A. N. Chopra M.B., B.S. (P.B.), D.T.M. (Liv.), D.P.H. (Eng.), O.B.E., I.M.S., Inspector-general of Civil Hospitals, Assam, and Chairman, State Homœopathic Enquiry Committee, inaugurating the session said that he thinks it to be a pleasure to inaugurate the first session of the Assam State Homœopathic Conference, which is a pleasant duty in itself and more so because he has seen many Allopathic conferences, but it is new of its kind. He added that he has no knowledge of Homœopathy; the fact however that Dr. Mazumdar, president of today's conference, who is a fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, and who had long years of successful practice as a Surgeon to his credit has changed over to Homœopathy, proves that there must be some truth in Homœopathy, which he hopes to hear from Dr. Mazumdar. They (he himself, Shree R. N. Barua and Dr. R. K. Sarma, members of his committee who were present at the conference) cannot commit anything now because they have not arrived at any decision as yet, but so much is sure that what they will do they will do for the welfare of Homœopathy. He wished the conference all success.

Dr. K. C. Mazumdar, the oldest practitioner of Assam (having 52 years' of practice to his credit) on behalf of the District Homœopathic Association presented an 'Welcome Address' to Dr. Mazumdar, which was printed on Assam Silk.

Shree S. M. Deb M.L.A. (Chairman, Silchar Municipal Board), Chairman, Reception Committee then delivered his welcome address.

Dr. N. C. Banerjee H.M.B. (Gold Medalist) submitted a Report as Secretary of the Reception Committee.

Dr. J. N. Mazumdar then delivered his presidential address.

The Chief Guest Shree R. N. Barua, B.L., M.L.A., Member, State Homœopathic Enquiry Committee in a neat inspiring speech said that he hoped that the good days of Homœopathy is very near. He has set the ball rolling as he is a believer in Homœopathy, and now that the State Government has appointed a Committee to enquire regarding Homœopathy, with the help of his colleagues in the Assembly and support of the public he hoped he would be able to enact in law the State recognition of Homœopathy. Some day there may be Assistant Surgeons, Civil Surgeons, even I.G.C.H. from amongst the Homœopaths. He hopes the Homœopaths will strive their best to prove themselves worthy of the occasion.

The address sent by Dr. G. N. Sinha M.D. (U.S.A.), Principal, Calcutta Homœopathic Medical College & Hospital, and first elected President of the State Faculty of Homœopathic Medicines, West Bengal, who was to preside over the conference, but could not attend owing to indifferent health, was read by Dr. Rabindra Chandra Bhattacharjee, H.M.B., an ex-student of Dr. Sinha, and President Karimganj Sub-Divisional Association.

To curtail time only some important resolutions from the resolutions accepted earlier by the Subjects Committee were placed before the house and were unanimously carried.

Shree A. K. Bhattacharjee B.A., B.T. (retired Headmaster), being requested by the Chair delivered a neat little speech in which he stressed on the importance of Education and Sanitation in Nation-building ; so these two lines must be manned by the best brains of the country. Homœopathy is a difficult science, but it is very cheap ; so India needs it the most. The quackery must be stopped by strong hands, and Homœopathy must be recognised by the State so that the best brains are tempted to learn and practise Homœopathy. He appealed to the Homœopathic Practitioners to shake off their differences and to think for the improvement of their science which is a boon to the poor and the suffering humanity.

Dr. Kamini Kumar Purkayastha of Udhband gave thanks to the Chair and for the trouble he has taken to preside over the Conference, and to Col. Chopra, Shree Barua and Dr. Sarma for their kind presence and co-operation for the successful conclusion of the same. He also thanked the ladies and gentlemen present for their kind attendance.

With singing of 'Bande Mataram' the session concluded.

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