OBITUARY

DR. SATINATH BAGCHI, M.Sc., M.B., M.O. (Cal.) 1892—1964

Dr. Satinath Bagchi was born in 1892 at Rajshahi, now in East Pakistan. He was the third son of his father, the late Brojo Gopal Bagchi, M.A. B.L., a well known pleader of his time in the same town. Dr. Bagchi's early education was in Rajshahi; he passed the Entrance Examination in 1905 and First Arts (F.A.) from the Rajshahi College in 1907. He came over to Calcutta for further studies and passed B.Sc. of the Calcutta University, standing first. He entered into the Medical College, Calcutta, in the same year and passed the Final M.B. Examination in 1915. During his study in the Medical College he passed his M.Sc. Examination in pure Mathematics in 1911, again standing first. He had all through a brilliant academic career, both in the general and medical line.

After graduation in Medicine in 1915 he worked as a House Surgeon and later as Resident Surgeon at the Eden Hospital for some time. He was admitted for the degree of Master of Obstetrics (M.O.) in 1921, being the first to obtain this Doctorate degree. His thesis was Puerperal Sepsis. Dr. Bagchi joined the National Medical School in 1922 and worked there till 1934 as Professor of Midwifery. In 1935 he joined the Carmichael Medical College (now R. G. Kar Medical College) where he worked first as Professor, later as Director of the Department and retired in 1952. He was appointed as Emeritus Professor after retirement.

Dr. Bagchi was President of the Bengal Obstetric and Gynaecological Society during the second world war and used to take an active interest in its affairs. He was for a long time an Editor of the Calcutta Medical Journal and used to contribute regularly. He acted as an Inspector of the Indian Medical Council and also as examiner of several Universities.

Dr. Bagchi, an erudiate scholar, an ideal teacher and an able administrator, was a simple and unassuming person. A man of religious temperament he used to visit holy places from time to time.

He is survived by his wife and two sons, one of whom is in the medical line.

May his Soul rest in peace.

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