

IN MEMORIAM



SHIRIN P. MEHTAJI, M.D., F.I.C.S.

Dr. Shirin Mehtaji was born on 5th June 1921. Her early schooling was in Broach where she was brought up in the traditional manner, characteristic of that period when honesty, love and respect for human beings and nature was inculcated in the young. These qualities were manifested throughout her life.

After a scholastic career at St. Xavier's College and Grant Medical College she did her residency training at the Cama Hospital. A few years later she joined the staff of the hospital and worked

there for several years as an Honorary Obstetrician and Gynaecologist. She was Professor of Obstetrics at the Grant Medical College until her retirement last June. Her work at the Cama Hospital brought distinction both to her and to the institution. The hospital and its staff were very dear to her.

Dr. Mehtaji was a member of the Managing Committee of the Bombay Obstetric and Gynaecological Society for many years. She was also on the Journal Committee of the Federation of Obstetric and Gynaecological Societies of India, where her work was highly appreciated. At the time of her death she was the Vice-President of the Association of Medical Women of India and had held several official positions in the past. Dr. Mehtaji was one of the earliest to recognize the value of cytology and was Honorary Secretary and Treasurer of the Cytology Clinic at the Cama Hospital.

Always eager to learn she was a founder member and a member of the Managing Committee of the Indian Association of Gynaecological Endoscopists. She actively participated in all its meetings and even when ill was keen on carrying on the training programme at the Cama Hospital. She has many publications to her credit. Her many friends abroad held her in high esteem and valued her collaboration with them in several projects.

Dr. Mehtaji was fond of music, the theatre and travel.

She died young in age when full of spirits on 9th March 1980. Her loss will be felt by her relatives and friends and a large number of patients. must recapture her fine qualities—a high standard of professional behaviour, a great and noble personality and an excellent friend.

As we salute her passing away, we

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The members of the Editorial Board, the staff of the Journal office and myself mourn the untimely and sad demise of Dr. Shirin P. Mehtaji, Assistant Secretary of the Journal of Obstetrics & Gynaecology of India, on 9th March 1980.

We express our deep sympathies to the members of the bereaved family.

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Editor