

OBITUARY NOTE



Dr. Dorothy May Satur

B.A., M.B.B.S. (Madras), M.M.S.A. (London), F.R.C.S. (Ed), F.R.C.O.G. (Lond.)

Miss Dorothy had a brilliant career both in school and at College. She obtained a First Class at the B.A. Degree with Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Zoology as elective subjects from the Madras University. She joined the Madras Medical College in 1923 and graduated for M.B.B.S., Madras in 1928; throughout her medical training she gained first class and was recipient of several prizes and certificates of honour. Even from her student days her determined aim was to serve fellow human beings.

As a young doctor Dorothy Satur worked in the Madras Medical Services in the Surgical Department of that College and at the Lady Willington Medical School for Women (Madras) from where

she proceeded to Europe and obtained the M.M.S.A. (Lond) 1933 followed by the F.R.C.S. (Ed) 1934. In view of her higher qualifications she was selected to the senior cadre of the All India Women's Medical Service (known as WMS) in 1936 and served at important Duffrin Hospitals at Calcutta, Delhi, Gaya, Lucknow, Vishakhapattanam and was Professor of Obstetrics & Gynaecology at the Lady Harding Medical College. In 1947, she took the M.R.C.O.G. and was elected Fellow of the Royal College of Obstetrics and Gynaecology in 1953.

Dr. Satur was a very good surgeon and was gifted for surgery. Her work was highly praised by her colleagues. Her skill as an Obstetrician and as a Gynaecologist will always be remembered by many mothers who had her care in different parts of India. People had great faith and trust in her and were comforted by her smile and softness. Her medical colleagues both men and women admired her judgement and professional skill. She was a gifted teacher.

After the disbandment of the WMS in 1950, Dr. Satur was at the Lady Harding and later at Lucknow as Professor and Head of the Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology. She retired from Lucknow and was in private practice in Calcutta for some years. Dr. Satur was examiner for various Universities for M.B.B.S., M.D. and M.S.

In 1961, she decided to retire in Bangalore where her religious sister was the Principal and on the staff of the

Mount Carmel College and other relations were also nearby in Hyderabad. She was welcomed at St. Martha's Hospital, Bangalore where she worked as Honorary Senior visiting Obstetrician and Gynaecologist from 1962 to 1972. In 1966, she was appointed Professor of Obstetrics & Gynaecology and Head of the Department of the newly established St. John's Medical College. She developed the Department and prepared her younger colleagues for teaching posts. She was given the distinction of being Professor Emeritus in 1968 of the same college in Obstetrics & Gynaecology. Her calm temperament, high proficiency will always be remembered by her many students and by all those who came to her as patients or worked with her.

Dr. Satur was good at music, literature and her scientific papers and other writings were worth reading. She was an active member of the Federation of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of India. She was an active member and

Vice President of the "Association of Medical Women in India." She attended National and International meetings. Her autobiography is included in the Year book "the Medical Women of the World." She also served as member of the Maternity and Child Welfare Advisory Committee of ICMR. She took much interest in professional meetings and gave very sound suggestions. Her large collection of journals and books have enriched the library of St. John's Medical College, Bangalore. Dr. Dorothy Satur's professional skill and ability will be remembered by those who have benefitted and worked with her. Her sweet smile and her sincerity and affection will be greatly missed by all those who knew her both professionally and others.

Dr. Dorothy May Satur born on 28th May 1902 died on 28th March 1981, in spite of long illness she had a very peaceful end. We pray that she attains everlasting peace.