

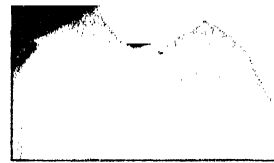
End of an Era

To write an ode for one's Teacher is both a matter of privilege and pride. Being a disciple of Late Dr S K Dubey, I had an opportunity to know the Master Homoeopath intimately. In every fibre of his soul he was a Homoeopath. His genius, in countless instances, was manifested not only by the tactful approach towards his patient's complaints but also the untiring work in the academics of this therapeutic art. It shall be a fitting tribute to Him, if by following his life and works, we may in some way improve our knowledge of our system and renew our commitments towards the goal of our lives, just as he did.

EARLY YEARS: Dr S K Dubey was born in a small hamlet of Uttar Pradesh adjoining Bihar. Right from his formative years he was instilled with the morals of Simple Living and High thinking which he followed unto the last day of his life. After his Matriculation in Urdu he left for Calcutta and took admission at Calcutta Homoeopathic Medical College and Hospital, where he stood first in the intermediate and part one DMS examination. He was also awarded Gold medal in the Final DMS examinations.

PROFESSIONAL CAREER: Being a Master academician, he was associated with the same College and continued as a Resident House Surgeon, Physician, Resident Medical Officer, Deputy Visiting Physician, Professor and Head of Department in Materia Medica and finally the Dean of the Institute. A firm believer in the original Hahnemannian thoughts, he often remarked "Scientific training differentiates a therapist from a quack". Having a roaring practice at Kolkatta, his approach to the patient and prescriptions blended perfectly with the principles of the Organon.

ACADEMIC ASSOCIATIONS: He was an Examiner in Materia Medica of the University of Calcutta as well as Council of Homoeopathic Medicine, West Bengal. For many years he was the chairman of Literary research of the Central Council of Research



Dr. S K DUBEY

in Homoeopathy- Government of India. He was also the Ex- member of the Governing Body of the National Institute of Homoeopathy- Government of India. He was also the life member and a General Council member of the All India Homoeopathic Medical Association.

PUBLICATIONS: His contribution to the academic and scientific field is outstanding. He has published several extremely useful papers. His master Publication was on the Textbook of Materia Medica which started as a thin booklet and now grown into two volumes encompassing all the remedies in the curriculum of BHMS as well as MD course in homoeopathy. It is one of the most sought after and the most read books of Materia Medica throughout the length and breadth of the country. Another master piece was a booklet on *Medorrhinum*. But most of all his students will remember him as a "Walkie- Talkie Materia Medica", as a tutor who was the largest crowd puller, be it in Anatomy or Materia Medica, Medicine or Gynaecology. His versatile oration and captivating manner infused the subject with great ease.

Even in his ripe old age, in fact just for a year previous to his death, he remained quite mobile. He was a colossus in the Homoeopathic field - a multifaceted personality, the like of which shall be very difficult to duplicate again.

At 1 AM on 7th day of May 2007, we lost this great soul. He passed away silently but the legend goes on..

PROF DR KASIM CHIMTHANHAWALA



For me, he will always epitomize the true Calcuttarian Homoeopath, in his sparkling white dhoti, always ready to come and talk on Homoeopathy, always alert, interested and cheerful. Till the end he was always on the move, teaching and lecturing Homoeopathy. He lived, breathed and ate Homoeopathy and never got indigestion.

Two incidents stand out brightly in my mind.

1. In 1992: Dr Kasimbhai invited me for his First NAH seminar in Nagpur. Dr Dubey was there with, of course, Dr Mahendra Singh- the inseparable duo. After my talk, he looked at me and said you are a Calcutta product. I was, in a sense, as an offspring of Dr Sarla Sonawala- a foremost Calcutta Product! And I felt privileged and honoured.
2. After Dr Sarla Sonawala's untimely demise in 1995, when we held the First Sarla Sonawala Memorial Seminar, I thought who better than Dr Dubey, her colleague and teacher- (he used to be Registrar when she was a student in the Calcutta Homoeopathic Medical College) to?

I requested him to be our First Speaker. He readily agreed and we had the most successful and memorable seminar with him. (This is the photo given here)

In December 2006, I visited Calcutta and went to see the Calcutta Homoeopathic Medical College, to see where these important persons in my life had studied. I wanted to visit Dr Dubey too, but most senior Homoeopath were away at the Aurangabad Conference... and in their absence I lectured at the NIH...

So this meeting was not to be but I had not thought .. never . .

I will miss him sorely . . as will the rest of the Homoeopathic World.

Most of the today's students, as my 2 Associates- Dr Bhavini and Dr Sushma- tell me, they passed Homoeopathic Materia Medica only because of him and his books.

May his soul rest in Peace or should we say, rest in Homoeopathy, as I am sure he will continue to teach Homoeopathy wherever he will be – be it Heaven or Earth!

To The Dubey family and to Dr Mahendra Singh, we pray to the Almighty to give you the strength to bear this loss.

Dr VISHPALA PARTHASARATHY

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