



IN MEMORY OF THE LATE
SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU

[Frontispiece]

OBITUARIES

PANDIT NEHRU

This Society mourns with India the passing of one of its greatest sons and one of the world's great men, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru.

Born a Kashmiri Brahman he was the son of an eminent lawyer, Pandit Motilal Nehru, leader of the bar in Allahabad, whose children had the cosmopolitan education of conversation in Urdu and Persian and of lessons in English and French. From his father Pandit Nehru inherited not only a distinguished personality and kindly nature but a brilliant intellect. When he grew up he was sent to Cambridge where he acquired an ineradicable liking for England in spite of the years of detention to which his political activities condemned him before his country became independent. A visitor once asked Lord Wavell if Pandit Nehru was bitter over those fourteen years. "Not half as bitter as I would be", replied the Viceroy. Nehru in fact was without rancour and those years left no mark on his handsome features and never extinguished his sense of humour. An Englishman once regretted to him in London that he had failed to meet him in Delhi because he had contracted food-poisoning. "What! food-poisoning at Viceregal Lodge", Pandit Nehru replied, his face beaming with amusement.

This brief tribute can do no more than allude to Nehru's devotion to Gandhi, to Gandhi's choice of him as his successor, to Nehru's long years of political struggle when as early as 1929 he envisaged India's complete independence and to the statesmanship which changed that policy into independence within the Commonwealth. It is for the historian to study all the facets of his career as agitator, politician and statesman. But whatever the historian's outlook may be, it is certain that he will find Pandit Nehru "nothing common did or mean" on the stage of this world which he adorned so selflessly and so brilliantly.

DR. A. A. BAKE

Dr. A. A. Bake, Reader in Sanskrit in the University of London, died on 6th October, 1963, at the age of 64, courageous and genial to the end.

Born in Hilversum he was first educated there and at Haarlem, afterwards studying Sanskrit at Leiden and finally at Utrecht, which