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Editorial Notes

SUBSOIL WATER:

In this issue we have a very informative and thought provoking paper read before the Association by Sri K. B. Banerjee on the availability of water for irrigation from the subsoil of a vast area of Bengal. It is of great importance to us to study carefully this source of water supply in the context of our problem of food supply for our growing population.

In spite of efforts at family planning our population is growing and must grow because of increased longevity due to better sanitation, reduced mortality due to better treatment and increased fertility due to improved health. In our planning therefore increased attention is required to food production and every means for its increase must be given due consideration. We are sure this paper will be found of interest in this connection.

OBITUARY:

We record with grief and a sense of deep loss the death at about 90 years of age of a great supporter of our Association Nanda Lal Guin. Without the advantage of a higher academical education, but with sound basic technical grounding in Draftmanship, he built up a large practice in engineering and building construction which earned him great repute. Many beautiful houses on Chittaranjan Avenue are standing monuments to his name. We offer our condolence to his bereaved relatives and pray that his soul may rest in peace.

N. GUIN :

Nandalal Guin, born in March 1874 at Serampore, was the sixth son and eighth child of the late Nabakrishna Guin. After school education he became a student of the Government school of Art, Calcutta, and passed creditably in 1896 securing a scholarship and medals in 8 different subjects out of a general course of 9 subjects which included Mechanical Drawing and Architectural Drawing. He served under Messrs. A. J. Bolton & Co., Calcutta from 1896 to 1898 first as a draftsman on Rs. 20/- per month and then as an Engineer, after which he joined E. B. S. Railway Drawing Department and became its head in 1915. Later he ventured out into private practice as an Engineer and Architect in which he earned great repute. Among the notable buildings to his credit are, Arya Kanya Vidyalaya and Arya Samaj Building. Greater memorials to his name are his gifts and donations among which are a bathing ghat commemorating his Mother's name and Municipal Road at Serampore commemorating his father's name. In their names will long be remembered his own great name. He lived a pious and charitable life without any ostentation, helped to train up young men to his line of work and to inspire them to take up an independent profession and left this world at a ripe old age this year close on 90.

Left behind him to mourn his loss and carry on his work are 2 daughters and 5 sons who have our deepest sympathy and sincere condolence in their sad bereavement.

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বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের ডিগ্রী ছাড়াও ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং কার্যে দক্ষতা কি ভাবে অর্জন করা যায়, তাহা নন্দলাল গুঁই নিজ জীবনে প্রমাণ করিয়া গিয়াছেন।

১৮৯৩ খৃষ্টাব্দে গভর্নমেন্ট আর্ট স্কুল হইতে পাশ করার পর নন্দলাল গুঁই ড্রাফটসম্যানের কাজ গ্রহণ করেন, কিন্তু পরে স্বাধীন ব্যবসায় প্রবৃত্ত হন এবং উন্নতির শীর্ষস্থানে আরোহণ করেন। তিনি অনেক দায়িত্ব পূর্ণ কাজ অতি সূচু ভাবে সম্পন্ন করিয়াছেন। তাহার স্মরণ্য পুত্রগণও তাহাদের পিতার ব্যবসায় বর্তমানে নিযুক্ত আছেন। আমরা কর্মবীর নন্দলাল গুঁইর স্মৃতির প্রতি শ্রদ্ধা জানাই এবং তাহার পুত্রদিগের কাজের সফলতা কামনা করি।



Born 1874.

N. GUIN

Died 1963.