

## OBITUARY

## P. N. Bardhan

1906-1966

Major General P. N. Bardhan, L.M.&S., M.R.C.S. (England), L.R.C.P. (London), F.R.C.P. (Edinburgh), M.R.C.P. (Edinburgh), F.A.Sc., F.C. Path. (London), Director, Central Leprosy Teaching & Research Institute, Chingleput, India, passed away suddenly on the morning of 12 August 1966 following an attack of coronary thrombosis. He attended the Institute as usual on the fateful day, but complained of illness during the morning and before he could be taken home collapsed and died in spite of all attempts at resuscitation.

General Bardhan, born on 17 March 1906, had his early schooling in East Bengal and Singapore. In 1932 he graduated from the King Edward VII College of Medicine, Singapore. He made postgraduate studies at Dublin, London, and Edinburgh. In 1937 he joined the Indian Medical Service, served as specialist in

Medicine, Pathology, Obstetrics and Gynecology, and saw active service during the second World War. Later he held several senior administrative and teaching positions and finally retired as the Commandant, Armed Forces Medical College, Poona, in March 1965. He was a member of several medical and public organizations.

He took over as Director of the Central Leprosy Teaching & Research Institute, Chingleput, from Dr. Dharmendra on 19 February 1966 and held that position until the time of his death six months later. He has left behind a lasting impression on his staff and patients. His life was rich in every respect. It included a brilliant scholastic career, high professional attainments, long and eventful service in the army, and a happy marriage.—K. RAMANUJAM