

## IN MEMORIAM

It is with great regret that we announce the death of Professor G. W. O. Howe of the Glasgow University. It is a truism that human beings are not immortal and some day we have to accept their exit from this world. It is also a truism that such occurrences are commonplace. Yet, in the context of human civilisation we come in contact with men who leave a permanent stamp in our mind, by their work, by their many virtues and mostly by their supreme understanding of humanity and when our earthly contact with such men ceases, we feel a void and an utter helplessness in the severance even though we know that such a thing must occur.

It is not given to every man to induce such feelings in all fellow men. But such a man was Dr. Howe. It is impossible to have known him and to have come in contact with him without remembering him always not only as a man of great erudition and achievements but also as a man very near and dear to our hearts and our minds. He expressed that essential virtue of combining deep knowledge with deep understanding which is the basic philosophy of humanism. Such men proclaim the fundamental unity of mankind and the fundamental process of human evolution. It is a certainty that those who had the privilege of coming in contact with him have been left richer by the experience. We who have known him bow today to the inescapable separation with that feeling of joy and gratitude that some day, some time the pleasure was given to us of having known him and having come in contact with him.

Dr. Howe was an Honorary Member of this Association. It seems like the other day when he delivered a lecture at our Association in 1938 when he came to Calcutta to attend the session of the Indian Science Congress.

His works and achievements as a Professor of Electrical Engineering are too wellknown to require mention.