Notable Men in ENT

Dr S. L JAISWAL

Dr. S. L. Jaiswal was born at Kolhapur in a middle class family on 5th January 1924. He had his early education at Kolhapur, Balaghat and Nagpur. From the early years he had a strong desire to become a Doctor. As the years rolled by this desire almost became an obsession with him. He passed matric in 1939 and I. Sc. in 1941. These days there was no Medical college and the Government used to depute candidates at Bombay, Calcutta and Delhi for Medical studies. He had no luck in this. He then did his B. Sc. in 1943 from the Fergusson college, Poona in the hope that he may get admission at any of the medical colleges at Bombay. Question of domiciliary came in his way. With great frustration he returned to Nagpur to join the Robertson Medical school and passed L.M.P. in 1948. He then started looking for admission in condensed M.B.B.S. course and got a foothold at Madras. He passed M.B.B.S. in 1952. Drifted to E.N.T. and passed D.L.O and M.S. in 1960. He finally fulfilled his desire but it took a very very long time. In the intervening period he had an opportunity to work as Registrar in the E.N.T. Departments of C.M.C., Vellore, Irwin Hospital, New Delhi and A.I.I.M.S., New Delhi.

In 1960, he decided to return to Nagpur though he had service openings elsewhere in India. At Nagpur the only option open to him was to enter private practice. He did just that. Luck smiled on him and within six months he got an honorary attachment at the local district headquarter Hospital. This was the very hospital in which he had his early medical education and had qualified for L.M.P in 1948. Soon this became a medical college and he continued as an Honorary at this medical college—named Indira Gandhi Medical college.

In the sixties E.N.T. existed in these parts only in name. Whatever E.N.T. work was done was handled by General Surgeons. Starting of the Indira

Gandhi Medical college at Nagpur and his attachment to the same gave him tremendous opportunity, impetus and enthusiasm to work hard for the profession, to work hard for the Speciality of E.N.T. and also work hard for the organisational activities of the Association—both local and National. He believes that working hard for the Speciality is absolutely necessary to bring up the speciality. In course of time E.N.T. in this part was almost at par with that in the other parts of India.

So far Vidarbha has hosted two All India Conferences, a number of State level Conferences and is yearly organising Vidarbha Region conferences ever since the formation of the Vidarbha Branch of A.O.I. about 18 years back. This good work is now being admirably carried on by the other E.N.T. Surgeons in Vidarbha.

In the intervening period he was a member of the Nagpur University Senate and a member of the medical Council of India. He served as inspector of the M.C.I., and was examiner in E.N.T. at quite a few Universities both Under Graduate and Post Graduate. He was the Founder President of the A.O.I.-Vidarbha Branch, twice the member of the

Governing Body of A.O.I. and A.O.I. President in 1983. He requested by his colleagues to inaugurate the 47th Annual Conference of A.O.I. held at Nagpur in 1995.

Vidarbha Branch has instituted an Oration in his name at its Annual conferences. He has instituted a gold medal for proficiency in M.S. Otolaryngology Examination conducted by Nagpur University. He has also instituted an Award for the best video film on the subject shown at the Annual conferences of A.O.I.

He had been contributing for J.L.O., laryngoscope and the Archives ever since 1961 and had preserved them over the years in the yearly bound volumes. These and all his Medical Books have been donated to the libraries of the two Medical colleges in the city.

He has been actively associated with the various important organisations like I.M.A.,

Red Cross, Bharatiya Vidhya Bhavan, Rotary, Masonic Lodge, Vidarbha Cricket Association etc.

He has now completely withdrawn from all the professional activities and devoted himself entirely to an educational and religious Trust created by his forefathers. He has to face many problems and sort them out with local authorities. Progress is often slow and frustrating but is rewarding and has taught him patience and perseverance.

His wife is a post graduate in Obstetrics & Gynaecology from Madras. Daughter is M.D. pathology and is with a Pharmaceutical concern. Son is a post graduate in law and is in legal profession. All of them have been playing a constructive role in his life.

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