OBITUARY

Dr. S. R. U. Savoor, who was Meteorologist and Deputy Director, Madras Observatory from May 1921 to August 1926, passed away at Madras on 1st February 1950.

He was born in January 1893. He entered the Indian Educational Service in February 1921 as Professor of Physics, Presidency College, Madras, after a distinguished academic career. He was a Senior Wrangler of Cambridge, Smithsonian Prizeman, D. Sc. of London University and Bar-at-law. He became part-time Meteorologist and Deputy Director, Madras Observatory in succession to Prof. Jones, also professor of Physics at the Presidency College. During the five years that he was in charge of the Madras Observatory, Dr. Savoor lived in the premises of the Observatory at Nungambakkam and looked after the Observatory very ably and efficiently, and after 5 years relinquished it on its abolition on 1st September 1926.

Dr. Savoor later became Professor of Applied Mathematics, Presidency College; Principal, Kumbakonam College; Deputy Director of Public Instruction; Principal, Government Victoria College, Palghat; Principal, Presidency College, Madras and finally, in October 1945, the first Indian permanent Director of Public Instruction, Madras, from which post he retired in January 1948.

Dr. Savoor was a pious gentleman, practising plain living and high thinking, widely respected. He had outstanding skill in homeopathy and used it in the free treatment of patients, specially during his stay at Palghat for 10 years.