OBITUARY NOTICE.

Rai Bahadur Dr. Shiv Ram Kashyap.

(1882-1934.)

Rai Bahadur Dr. S. R. Kashyap, B.A. (Cantab.), D.Sc. (Honoris Causa, Panjab), I.E.S., F.A.S.B., Professor of Botany, Government College, Lahore, and of the Panjab University and Honorary Professor of Botany, Hindu University, Benares, died suddenly at Lahore, on the 26th November, 1934, of heart-failure. Even half an hour before his death, he was attending to his work with his characteristic thoroughness.

To-day his country is the poorer by the loss of one of its best-known and best-beloved intellectuals. As a scientist, he was respected all the world over and as a teacher he will be mourned by a host of admiring students all over the country, many of whom are holding University Chairs in Botany and other important appointments. For ever, he will be looked upon as one of the chief makers of modern Indian Botany. His pioneer researches on Himalayan Liverworts will go down to posterity as a great scientific achievement which will keep alive his memory for ever.

In his early life, Kashyap had a brilliant and remarkable academic career which can seldom be rivalled. Born on 6th November 1882 at Jhelum of a family with a long record of meritorious military services, he matriculated from the Panjab University in 1899. In 1900, he joined the Medical School at Agra and received his Medical Diploma in 1904, topping the list of successful candidates and winning the First Medal. He then served for two years in the Medical Service of the United Provinces.

While still a student of the Medical School he appeared as a private candidate for the Intermediate science examination of the Panjab University and not only succeeded in passing the examination in the first division but stood at the top of the list in the University. He was offered a university scholarship but this he declined to accept and went on with his studies at the Medical School. In 1906, while serving in the Medical Department of the United Provinces, he again appeared as a private candidate for the B.Sc. examination of the Panjab University and again topped the list of successful candidates. In the same year he resigned his post in the Medical Service and was appointed Assistant Professor of Biology at Government College, Lahore. In 1909, he passed the M.Sc. examination in Botany, again getting a very high first class and standing first among the M.A. and