

### APPENDIX III

#### OBITUARY NOTICES ON BOROOAH

1. *Sri Ramesh Chandra Dutta*, I.C.S., C.I.E., in the Preface to his 'Civilisation of Ancient India', 1888, writes:

"Amongst my countrymen the great reformer Raja Rammohan Ray and Dayananda Saraswati turned their attention to Sanskrit Literature. . . . and lastly my learned friend Sri Anundoram Borooah of the Bengal Civil Service has published a handy and excellent English-Sanskrit Dictionary, and is now engaged in a Sanskrit Grammar of formidable size and erudition."

Sri Dutt adds in a footnote to this passage: "Since the above lines were written, the author has received the sad intelligence of the death of the talented scholar. His untimely death is a loss to Sanskrit scholarship in this country which will not be easily remedied. To the present writer the sorrow is of a personal nature, as he enjoyed the friendship of the deceased for twenty years, and more—since the old College days in this country and in England."

2. *Dr. Gurudas Banerjee*, M.A., D.L., as Vice-Chancellor of Calcutta University, in his Convocation Speech, 1890, said:

"During the year under review we lost by death or retirement eleven of our colleagues in the Senate and the brief retrospect of the past would be incomplete if I were not to record our deep sense of regret for that loss. (Then follow references to the death of Reynolds and Kabiruddin Ahmed).

"Sri Anundoram Borooah was a distinguished graduate of this University, and a no less distinguished member of the Civil Service. Amidst the engrossing duties of this office, he could find time to plan and partly execute literary works of profound scholarship, and it is a matter of no small regret that untimely death prevented him from completing them."

3. *The Hindu Patriot*, January 21, 1889, wrote:

"We deeply regret to announce the death of Sri Anundoram Borooah, c.s., on Friday last from fever and paralysis. He was a highly cultured man and his scholastic attainments were well-known through the country. His Sanskrit Grammar and Dictionary were worthy of a scholar, who had made this branch of knowledge a special study. As a distinguished public officer he enjoyed the confidence of Government and the good opinion of the people, and gave satisfaction wherever he went. He rose to be a District Magistrate when his career was unfortunately cut short. His early death is a loss to this country in general and to his service."

4. *The Indian Mirror*, January, 22, 1889, wrote:

"We deeply regret to hear of the death of Mr. A. Borooah, c.s., on Friday last in Calcutta. The number of covenanted civilians among our countrymen is not very large, and Sri Borooah's loss is a great one indeed. He was a distinguished Sanskrit scholar, and did much to further the cause of Sanskrit learning. His premature death is mourned by the whole native community."

5. *Sir Surendranath Banerjee*, in his autobiography '*A Nation in Making*', 1931, writes:

"Among the Indian candidates who competed with us for the Indian Civil Service in 1869 was another remarkable man whose early death deprived the world of a Sanskrit scholar of great promise—I mean Anundoram Borooah. In regard to him also there was the difficulty about the age to which I have referred; but, the point having been settled in my case, it was no longer raised in his. He came from Assam and distinguished himself at the examinations of the Calcutta University. Having obtained a state scholarship, he went to England to compete for the Indian Civil Service. He secured a place for himself among the successful candidates in 1870. As a member