

## Prof. Abul Fazal

It is with deep sorrow and a sense of loss that we received the news of the death of Prof. Abul Fazal. He passed away peacefully at his own residence in Chittagong after a period of suffering from old age complications. He was eighty.

Eminent litterateur and educationist Prof. Abul Fazal's death marks the departure of yet another of our aged distinguished personalities in the literary, academic and intellectual world. Few of his co-evals are now alive. One could almost say that with him passes an age in the literary-cultural sense, that has somehow lingered on shorn of the old verve and agility. Prof. Fazal's literary contributions and intellectual activity, some of which inspired by a keen love of truth and freedom of thinking, can be said to have helped fill the vacuum left by the departure of his contemporaries and forebears.

Besides the occasional writings published in the local periodicals Prof. Fazal has to his credit a

sizable corpus of literary works numbering about sixty, some of them wellknown and widely read. It is chiefly by this tangible contribution in the literary and intellectual field that the late professor will live. With his connection with educational institutions and the education ministry of former governments his career as an educationist has also been an active and distinguished one. One would note also with satisfaction that winner of literary awards and prizes Prof. Abul Fazal received his due share of recognition and honour during his life time, a thing that happens rarely.

His amiable disposition, sound scholarship and intellectual interests and devotion to literature won him respect and love from all. He will be missed for long. We close with our heart-felt tribute to him and prayer for peace for the departed soul and deep sympathies for the members of the bereaved family.