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Principal Ibrahim Khan

Another eminent and respected personality has left us further widening the void in the field of thought and literature which will remain unfilled. He was Principal Ibrahim Khan who breathed his last yesterday morning (Inna lilla-he wa-inna ilaihe rajeoon).

Although death at the grand old age of 86 can hardly be called premature, the loss sustained by the society is, nevertheless, great and irreparable. A distinguished educationist, a famous writer, an eminent intellectual, a dedicated social worker, Principal Ibrahim Khan was a name that commanded universal respect and enjoyed unqualified esteem. His personal charm and magnetism, his profound erudition and extremely amiable disposition endeared him to all irrespective of their age and conviction.

Although his teaching career

ended long ago, he preferred to be known as 'Principal' because his interest in education was much deeper than any other interest in life. That was his pride and his real identity. All his writings—dramas, short stories, essays, travel accounts, etc.—had an abiding academic and social purpose. He addressed the people and wrote for them rather than for his personal satisfaction. His pursuit of knowledge continued till his last conscious moment and he believed that one could not learn enough and know enough.

A deeply religious man late Principal Ibrahim Khan thought it irreligious to be rude to others and hurt others' sentiment. Rudeness was alien to his nature. The society is poorer today without him. We mourn this great loss and pray to Almighty Allah for the salvation of his departed soul.