

OBITUARY—DR. A. FILIPEANU

Prof. Dr. Scarlat Longhin of the Societatea Stiintelor Medicale din R.P.R., Bucuresti, Str. Progresulin, No. 8, has had the kindness and courtesy to send the following obituary notice of a Rumanian leprologist, Dr. Alexander Filipeanu.

Dr. Alexander Filipeanu, director of the Tichilesti State Leprosarium died on 24th December, 1957. Born in 1889 at Cocuisca village in the Dorohoi department, he studied in the Faculty of Medicine at Iassy, obtaining the M.D. degree in 1920. He successively occupied the posts of externe, interne, and secondary doctor at St. Spiridon Hospital in Iassy. After obtaining his degree, he occupied the post of assistant at the Neurological Clinic, Iassy, and then that of Dozent at the same clinic, up to 1924. From 1922 to 1923 he studied at the Dermatological Clinic of the Faculty of Medicine in Leipzig, directed by Prof. Richle. From 1924 to 1939 he was a chief dermatologist at the Central Hospital in Chisinau.

In June, 1939, he was appointed chief doctor at the State Leprosarium, Tichilesti. Subsequently, Dr. Alexander Filipeanu dedicated himself, until the end of his life, to the care of the leprosy patients. Far from any medical centre, at 50 km. from the nearest town, he showed a special self-sacrifice in the care of these patients separated from their families, leading the same lonely life. His work in the leprosarium was a shining example of self-abnegation. Even after reaching 60 years of age, he continued on duty, in spite of the fact that he was rather ill.

Dr. Alexander Filipeanu also contributed to many scientific works on leprosy in its clinical, epidemiological and therapeutic aspects.

By the death of Dr. Alexander Filipeanu, Rumanian Dermatology loses a valued specialist, chiefly in leprology.