

## PAUL HARRISON AWARD - 1978

THE PAUL HARRISON AWARD honours graduates of CMC who render meritorious service in needy areas. This year's recipient graduated from Vellore in 1955. In response to the health needs in the remote foothills of the Himalayas, he joined the Baptist Christian Hospital in Tezpur, Assam. His attempts to obtain further surgical training was interrupted repeatedly by threat of imminent closure of the Hospital due to lack of personnel. In spite of them, he completed Master of Surgery in 1969. Under his leadership the hospital has doubled its bed strength, consolidated its finances from local sources and has developed a stable core of Indian personnel. The base hospital with 80 beds near Tezpur, reaches out into the rural community through a branch hospital of 20 beds 100KM away and three outlying dispensaries. In this way, they serve 16 tribal groups scattered over 200KM of difficult terrain along the northern banks of the Brahmaputra, close to the borders of Bhutan. The hospital has also become the nucleus of a viable Christian congregation, alive to the social and spiritual needs of the surrounding community. This hospital is a symbol of the unnoticed but distinguished services of many Vellore graduates in similar situations in diverse parts of India. CMC honours them, and itself, by recognizing the outstanding Christian leadership and lifelong dedicated services of:

**DR. RABINDRANATH BAIDYA.**