

ACHARYA BROJENDRANATH SEAL (3rd September, 1864 - 3rd December, 1938): A philosopher per excellence, Acharya Brojendranath Seal was a student of Philosophy at General Assembly's Institution at the same time as Swami Vivekananda. He was very close to Vivekananda and seems to have had some influence over him. But he was a great mind himself who began his career as a lecturer at the Scottish Church College only, and later became the Principal of a college in Berhampore. Seal was the inaugural chair of Philosophy at India's first graduate school in Philosophy at the University of Calcutta and in his seminal work *The Positive Sciences of Ancient Hindus* established interrelations among the ancient Hindu philosophical concepts and their scientific basis. It is indeed rather thrilling to think of those days in the General Assembly's Institution when great minds like Vivekananda, Brahmabandhav and Brojendranath, shared the class room space all at the same time. There is no doubt that the College is immensely blessed to have served these great personalities during their most crucial years of growth.