Basic Detail Report



Head of Dr. Harold A. Moody

Date
1946

Primary Maker
Ronald C. Moody

Medium
Bronze on wood plinth

Description
Sculpture on plinth by Ronald C. Moody, brother of Dr. Harold Moody. Dr. Harold Moody 1882-1947 Doctor, Congregational minister, community leader, President of the Kings College Christian Union, Fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine, Chairman and Director of the Colonial Missionary Society, President of London Christian Endeavour Federation, Founder of the League of Coloured Peoples and pioneering civil rights activist. Harold Moody came to Britain in 1904 to study medicine at Kings College London. He qualified as a Doctor in 1910, having won several academic awards during his while training to be a doctor. These were the Warneford Prize and Medal, the Barry Prize in 1906, and the Leather Prize in 1907. He again won the Warneford prize and Medal, the Barry Prize in Obstetrics, and the Todd Medal in Clinical Medicine in 1910. Denied the post of Medical Officer to the Camberwell Board of Guardians due to his race he went on to run several GP practices in southeast London. His surgery in Queens Road bears a 'Blue Plaque' for his contribution to London's history and his work to improve the conditions of the non-white minorities living in Britain at the time. Harold Moody became a popular speaker at student and Congregational Church meetings, and was honoured, with election to the Presidency of the Kings College Christian Union. The League of Coloured Peoples Dr. Harold Moody was instrumental in the founding of The League of Coloured Peoples, set up in 1931. The League’s aims were to fight racial injustice and improve the lives of the non-white minorities living in Britain and the Empire. The League campaigned for the removal of the “Colour bar”, in the British armed Services and for the employment of black nurses in British hospitals. The work of the League continued for many years, even after its founder and driving force, Dr. Harold Moody died in 1947. His wife Olive Tranter Moody and his six children survived him.

Dimensions
Object/Work: 300 x 180 mm