

Platon Gigineishvili: Founder of Therapeutic and Physical Therapy Assistance in Western Georgia

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Platon Gigineishvili is among those few doctors who played great part in healthcare of Adjarian population at the beginning of 20th century, and throughout his life, he had a sacred name of the healer.

Within the period of 1922-1942 Platon Gigineishvili was the head of Therapy Department at the Republican Hospital, at the same time he was also performing as the principal of Tuberculosis, Childcare and Infection departments.

Platon was a member of the self-government of Batumi in 1902-1910. He actively participated in the process of drying out the bogs; fought against Malaria and Typhoid. Along with other doctors, Platon Gigineishvili is considered to be one of the founders of the outpatient services for Adjara population. He actively participated in sanitation - educational activities. He was conducting popular lectures.

Platon Gigineishvili played a big role in the development of Adjarian resort business. The first data on the balneological significance of the Black Sea region of Adjara appeared after a year from regaining independence from the Ottomans, but nobody paid attention to this case. He actively participated in sanitation - educational activities. He was conducting popular lectures.

The Society of Adjarian Doctors, led by Platon Gigineishvili, played a great role in the development of medicine in the region. Scientific units of different fields created within the society for accomplishing various tasks are still interesting and exemplary.

Particular attention of the society was paid to the study of climate and balneological conditions of Adjara, mountainous region, development of resorts, geography of the area, study of flora, fauna, climatology and their medicinal effects.

The doctor's contribution was appreciated and Platon Gigineishvili was one of the first who was granted the status of Honorary Doctor of the Georgian SSR in 1941 and in 1946, he was awarded as Honorary Doctor of Adjara.