OBITUARY.

SIR FREDERICK NEEDHAM, M.D.St. And., M.R.C.P.Edin., M.R.C.S.Eng.

IT was with very great regret that we heard of the death, on September 6, at Bournemouth, of Sir Frederick Needham.

We are promised an extended memoir of the deceased Knight from the pen of Dr. C. Hubert Bond—and none knew him better, either officially or privately—for our January number, so our comments at the present moment need be only of the briefest.

Sir Frederick's work as a Commissioner in Lunacy and of the Board of Control (England and Wales) for some twenty-seven years brought his enlightened attitude to the care and treatment of the mentally afflicted, and especially mental hospital administration, constantly before members of our Association.

Although he was ever ready to help and advise—for he was really of a most kindly disposition—yet he had a powerful personality and a dominant will and, when circumstances called for it, could apply in full measure such *vis-a-tergo* as was necessary to give effect to his views. He was a tower of strength in times of trouble and adversity, and a certain guide on occasions of doubt and anxiety. He was admired and respected by many, loved by those who were privileged to know him well, and held in awe by not a few.

Sir Frederick Needham had been for nearly two years the *doyen* of our Association, having become an ordinary member as far back as 1859. He was President for the year 1887, and was in 1889 elected an Honorary Member.

He was gathered to his fathers at the ripe old age of 88—a truly grand old man, now at rest in the peace "which passeth all understanding."

JOHN R. LORD.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Quarterly General.—November 20, 1924; February 19, 1925; May 21, 1925.

South-Eastern Division.—October 8, 1924, at Peckham House, London, S.E. 15.

South-Western Division.—October 23, 1924, at The Old Manor, Salisbury; April 23, 1925, at Brislington House, Bristol.

Scottish Division.—November 28, 1924, at the Aberdeen Royal Mental Hospital.

Irish Division.—November 6, 1924, at the Royal College of Physicians, Dublin.

APPOINTMENT.

PASMORE, E. S., M.D., M.R.C.P.Lond., Hon. Senior Demonstrator, Department of Philosophy and Psychology, University College, London.

https://doi.org/10.1192/bjp.70.291.713-b Published online by Cambridge University Press