

Obituary.

LORD CHELMSFORD.

The British Empire Leprosy Relief Association has suffered a great loss in the death of Lord Chelmsford, who was its Chairman since 1924.

Lord Chelmsford will probably be remembered chiefly by the public for the great constitutional reforms brought about in India during the period of his viceroyalty, but the keen sense of duty which impelled him to undertake that great task was displayed in every aspect of his life.

His unflagging industry, sound judgment and conspicuous fairness, together with his unfailing tact, enabled him to fill many high official posts with distinction, yet, after having been Governor of New South Wales, he was content to serve as a captain in the Dorsetshire Regiment on the outbreak of war.

In small things as in great, service was the keynote of his life, and it was characteristic of his attachment to India, and his concern for everything relating to the welfare of its peoples, that he accepted the chairmanship of this Association at the time of its inception.

Though the attack on leprosy which was made possible by the discovery of a treatment had not commenced in the time of his viceroyalty, his experience had brought him abundant proof of the necessity for energetic measures against that scourge, and his interest remained unabated until his death.

All who knew him will bear witness to the fineness of his character, and his record will remain as that of a man animated by the highest ideals.