

OBITUARY

Sir Frank Carter, one of the three founders of the British Empire Leprosy Relief Association and the Treasurer of the Association for 20 years, died on January 31st, 1945, at the age of 81. He began his career in South Africa. As a business man in Calcutta he took part in many forms of public service. He always sympathised with those in trouble, and those afflicted with leprosy in Calcutta spoke with gratitude of his generous help. When he retired from India he made the relief of leprosy his chief concern, and it was largely due to his generosity and support that B.E.L.R.A. was begun and developed during the first twenty years.

Sir William Peel, the late Chairman of B.E.L.R.A., died on the 24th of February, 1945. As Colonial Secretary in Malaya, he took a personal interest in the leprosy problem, and it was largely due to his efforts that the large and well-equipped leper settlement at Sungei Buloh, near Kuala Lumpur, was founded. As Governor of Hong Kong, he maintained his sympathetic interest in those afflicted with this disease. On his retirement from the Colonial Service he became Chairman of the Association and, in spite of indifferent health, gave to its interests much time and labour. His knowledge of colonial conditions and administration and of the leprosy problem in the colonies was of the highest value. He had the satisfaction before he retired of knowing that the magnitude of the leprosy problem had been realised and the responsibility of Government for it admitted in the highest quarters, and that through the Nigerian Leprosy Control Scheme a start had been made in dealing with it in one of the colonies where leprosy most prevails.

Sir Humphry Rolleston, who died last November, was for many years the distinguished Chairman of the Medical Committee of B.E.L.R.A. and a member of the Executive Committee. His wise guidance and sympathetic interest were of inestimable value in shaping and carrying out the administration of the Association.