

OBITUARY.

Dr. H. P. Lie died on December 17, 1945, the day he was to celebrate his 83rd birthday. He was a worthy successor to the great Norwegian leprologists Danielsen, Hansen and Boeck. He read a paper at the 9th International Congress of Dermatology and Syphilology at Budapest in 1935 on *Famous Norwegian Dermatologists*, a translation of which appeared in this journal in 1937 (*Lep. Rev.* 8, 57 and 113). Another article by him which appeared in this journal was on *Leprosy in the Bible*. (*Lep. Rev.* 1938, 9, 25 and 55.) Dr. Lie was himself unable to attend the International Leprosy Congress held in Cairo in 1938, but he sent a paper in which he showed how leprosy had decreased in Norway from 2,850 in 1856 to only 18 today, although the disease had been endemic for at least 1,000 years. The number of new cases declined from 1,040 in 1861-65 to two indigenous and two imported in the period 1931-35. The method of dealing

with leprosy in Norway was that of education of the public and compulsory segregation only of those who would not effectively isolate themselves. This plan under Hansen and later under Lie resulted in this great success, and is a lesson in prophylaxis to the whole world.

Dr. Lie was Secretary of the 2nd International Congress in Bergen under Dr. Hansen's presidency, and in 1911 on Hansen's death, succeeded him as head of the Leprosy Service.