

OBITUARY.

THE REV. FRANK OLDRIEVE.

Frank Oldrieve, who died recently in Swaziland, was one of the pioneers of work among lepers, whose name will be remembered for many years. Born in 1880, he went first to the Belgian Congo as a Baptist missionary, but left Africa in 1909 for Northern India where he took charge of a station under the Mission to Lepers. Close contact with the disease for 10 or 12 years roused in him the urge to establish more active and constructive measures than then obtained in India, and in 1923, on his return to England, he joined with Sir Leonard Rogers and Sir Frank Carter in raising interest widely in the problem of controlling it, and in founding the British Empire Leprosy Relief Association, of which he became the first General Secretary. For four or five years he travelled widely in the interests of the Association, but failing health and a realisation of the need of specialised medical knowledge in the Secretaryship, induced him to relinquish the post in favour of Dr. R. G. Cochrane.

After several years' church work in southern Africa, his interest in leprosy prevailed and after a spell as superintendent of the Ngomahuru settlement in Southern Rhodesia he undertook the position of secretary to the South African Auxiliary of the Mission to Lepers. It was while engaged on this work that he died on 21st March, 1948 at Mbabane settlement. Widely known and esteemed, he set an example of devoted work in the cause of leprosy which will be an inspiration to others.