

OBITUARY.

JOSIAH OAKE ADAMS, M.D., L.S.A., F.R.C.S., J.P.,
Ordinary Member since 1868.

On June 15, 1925, the Association lost its *doyen* by the death of Dr. Josiah Oake Adams, who was spared until he reached the ripe old age of 83 years. He was born and received his early education at Plymouth. From there he came to London, and taking up medicine as a career, entered as a student at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and qualified as M.R.C.S.Eng. in 1865 and L.S.A. in 1866. He took his Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons of England in 1874.

As a young practitioner, Dr. Adams was appointed Assistant Medical Officer at the City of London Mental Hospital, Stone, Dartford, and in 1869 he succeeded Dr. Munro as Resident Physician and Licensee of Brooke House, Clapton—a famous old baronial mansion, then, as now, a private asylum, where he remained until 1909, when he retired.

In addition to being a sympathetic and successful medical practitioner he was a highly esteemed and valued citizen, and was widely known by reason of his public services and his beneficent activities in connection with social work in his district. He was an alderman of the Hackney Borough Council, had the refusal of the Mayoralty, but became a J.P., and attended assiduously to his duties on the Bench. He was President and an active supporter of the King's Home for Nurses, Lower Clapton, and trustee of the Spurstowe Charity, and for many years was honorary secretary of the Manor House Refuge for Girls. He was also Chairman of the British Home for Deaf and Dumb Women, and a Churchwarden of St. James's Church, Clapton. At the age of 72 he patriotically offered his services as surgeon during the war, and became medical officer of the Red Cross Hospital at Amhurst Park.

He never sought honours or rewards and avoided publicity, and his life was entirely and unselfishly devoted to the service of humanity.

He was a cultured gentleman, of charming manners, and possessed a happy and cheerful disposition, which endeared him to all who came to know him, were they patients, friends or acquaintances, and died rich in good works, and was buried near his wife, who pre-deceased him some fifteen years ago, at Chingford.

He left one daughter, who married the Rev. F. R. Holmes. J. R. LORD.

EDWIN STEPHEN PASMORE, M.D., M.R.C.P.Lond.,

Medical Superintendent, Croydon Mental Hospital, and Ordinary Member
since 1898.

The announcement in the evening papers of Wednesday, January 12, of the death, after but three days' illness, of Dr. E. S. Pasmore, came with a painful shock to his wide circle of friends. A few days or weeks before they had met him and talked with him, not only in the pursuit of the welfare of the hospital which he loved and its patients, to whom he was devoted, but also in many of the outside philanthropic and academic enterprises in which he bore his part. The large and representative gathering which, on Saturday, January 15, assembled in the beautiful old parish church of Warlingham, and followed his body to the grave, testified to the extent and depth of the friendships he had formed and the esteem he had evoked. At the final scene on that clear winter evening, as the shades were falling, deep and sincere was the silent but heartfelt sympathy shown by all the mourners for his wife and children as they followed the remains of their loved one to the graveside in the churchyard among the ancient yew trees.

Edwin Stephen Pasmore was born at Falmouth, Jamaica, in 1864, the son of Captain John Pasmore. He pursued his medical studies in London, Paris and Brussels, and from University College he graduated M.B. in 1890, and M.D. in 1891 at London University, and took his M.R.C.P. in 1897. With a predilection for psychological medicine he worked at Queen's Square with the late Sir William Gowers, and was inspired by that illuminating and industrious teacher to study,