

DEATH OF PROF. EMIL KRAEPELIN.

As we go to press we learn the sad news of the death on October 7, 1926, of one of the Association's most illustrious honorary members, namely, Prof. Emil Kraepelin, of Munich. Only recently did we join in the homage paid to him by the world of psychiatry on the occasion of his seventieth birthday (*vide* pp. 227-9). There is no time now for an extended reference to his personality and career, but the following is an appreciation written by Dr. J. Bresler, another honorary member, in a recent number of the *Psychiatrisch-Neurologische Wochenschrift* (translated by Dr. A. Walk).

EMIL KRAEPELIN.

7 October, 1926.

To those at a distance the news was quite unexpected. In Munich it had been known for some weeks that his activities, to which age seemed to have set no limits, were being carried on in spite of the progress of an increasingly painful and severe illness, and with the bitter knowledge that the end was imminent. How joyfully, on February 15 last, had we brought him our homage on his seventieth birthday! How glad we were that his indefatigable efforts for the erection of a home for the German Psychiatric Research Institute had borne fruit! We learned that he was engaged in producing the ninth edition of his excellent text-book, and were convinced that it would be not merely a continuation, but a rejuvenation of his work. We also heard that in November he would undertake the journey to India to carry out studies in regard to general paralysis and comparative psychiatry. We now learn that on October 4, when he wrote the Preface to the second volume of his text-book, he was already near the end, and that he fought for and succeeded in gaining time and strength enough to dictate his last instructions and wishes for the further development of the Research Institute—a worthy end for one of the Immortals.

To continue his work and realize his aims is a rich but difficult heritage for German Psychiatry. May it well and worthily carry out the trust Kraepelin reposes in it!

BRESLER.

NOTICES BY THE REGISTRAR.

Regulations for Divisional Prizes.

1. Two Prizes, of £10 and £5 respectively, shall be awarded annually by the Association (provided sufficient merit be shown) for papers read during the preceding calendar year at a Divisional Meeting by an Assistant Medical Officer.
2. Every Assistant Medical Officer of any asylum or institution for the insane, being a member of the Association, shall be eligible to compete, but—
3. A prize shall not be awarded more than once to the same individual.
4. Only papers handed in to the Secretary of the Division at the meeting at which they are read will be considered in competition.
5. The papers shall be adjudicated by the President of the Association, together with an Assessor or Assessors to be appointed by him should he see fit.
6. The results shall be announced, and the prizes awarded, if any, by the President at the Annual Meeting in each year.

(*First award in July, 1913, for papers read during the year 1912.*)

BRONZE MEDAL AND PRIZE FOR 1927.

Essays for the Bronze Medal and Prize of the Association must be sent to the Registrar, St. Andrew's Hospital, Northampton, not later than June, 1927. A *nom-de-plume* must head the essay, and the author's name be enclosed in a separate and sealed envelope with only the *nom-de-plume* written on the outside.