OBITUARY

SIR JOSIAH COURT

Sir Josiah Court died at his home, Staveley, Chesterfield, on February 8, at the great age of 97. He was born in January, 1841, and was educated at Warwick Grammar School and Guy's Hospital; qualifying M.R.C.S.Eng. in 1863, he took the L.R.C.P.Lond. in the year following and after holding house office at Guy's, he went into practice in Derbyshire.

He was a pioneer in cases of miners' nystagmus and was largely responsible for calling public attention to poor lighting in the mines as a cause. As far back as 1891 he was the author of a "Report of the examination of the eyes of coal-miners in Derbyshire, Durham, Forest of Dean and Belgium." For many years he was consulting surgeon for compensation cases to the Derbyshire Miners' Union and surgeon to the Great Central Railway works at Staveley. A J.P. for the county, he was an unsuccessful candidate for the N.E. Division of Derbyshire in Parliament.

The mining industry owes much to Sir Josiah, and he was a good example of the vast amount of good that an all-round man in general practice can do in matters which border on specialism with which he comes in contact in the ordinary routine of his daily work.

NOTES

Honour

The Parkes Memorial Prize, 1937, has been awarded to Major J. Biggam, M.C., for his investigations into the lighting of barracks and for other ophthalmic work for the Army.

Deaths

We regret to record the death of Ernest Charles Arnold, of Forest Hill, on February 10, 1938. The son of the Rev. C. M. Arnold, Vicar of St. Mark's, S. Norwood, he was born March 25, 1860. He was educated at Westminster and St. George's Hospital. Qualifying M.R.C.S. in 1884, he was house surgeon at St. George's and after a period of post-graduate study in Berlin and Vienna he took the M.B. Dunelm in 1886 and the F.R.C.S.Eng. in 1888.

For a time he was in practice in Swindon and was surgeon to the local hospital; but most of his professional life was spent in Forest Hill. For some years he was Refraction officer at the Royal Eye Hospital and he also worked in a similar capacity at Moorfields. During the War he served as Temporary Captain R.A.M.C.