

Recent Notes from the Colonies, etc.

UGANDA.

Word has just come to hand that the Committee of the Uganda Branch of the Association met at Entebbe during the last week in January, and it was then agreed that propaganda work should be undertaken in all parts of the Protectorate where leprosy is prevalent, and that treatment on a large scale is to be provided in the three districts of Kigezi, Teso and Lango. The C. M. S. Mission will take charge of the work in the first two districts and the Government in the third. Each of these districts will have a District Leprosy Committee, and Dr. C. A. Wiggins, C.M.G., who is in charge of the C. M. S. leprosy work at Ngora, Eastern Province, has been asked to write a booklet on the whole subject of leprosy and its treatment for use in the schools. The Government will print and issue this booklet and it will be translated for each district. Later a lantern lecture will be prepared and sent out for use in the villages.

KENYA.

Detailed suggestions have recently been made by Government for leprosy relief and treatment in Kenya Colony. Leprosy treatment is to be provided at every hospital or medical centre, Government or Missionary, where a suitably qualified person is able to carry out the work. Special accommodation for leper in-patients is to be provided at hospitals where it is required, and at certain centres special leper hospitals are to be instituted to which all infective lepers, who can be so persuaded, shall be transferred. Finally it is hoped that there will be instituted leper settlements where non-infective lepers, in the chronic stages of the disease, may live.

TANGANYIKA.

In this territory it has been decided to increase the facilities for treatment, and accommodation for leprosy cases is to be of two distinct types. First, there are to be Treatment Centres where the early and infectious cases likely to be benefited by treatment can be maintained and treated. These Treatment Centres are to be in the charge of either a Government doctor or a qualified medically trained missionary worker, in order that treatment may be continuous and carried out under proper supervision. Secondly, the upkeep of existing leper

villages and the formation of new ones where necessary is to be undertaken, and wherever possible the native authorities are to be made responsible for the maintenance of these leper villages.

NYASALAND.

The Nyasaland Government has decided to give grants of money for buildings, and in some cases for maintenance, to existing Treatment Centres. At present these are all being managed by missionary doctors and nurses. In addition, the drugs required for leprosy treatment are to be given by Government, and native assistance is being provided where required.

SOUTHERN RHODESIA.

The Government of Southern Rhodesia has an excellent leper settlement near Fort Victoria, and leprosy treatment work in the south of the colony is being concentrated there. A Treatment Centre also exists in the North, and the Government is entirely responsible for the upkeep of both these pieces of work.

NIGERIA.

Dr. T. F. G. Mayer, who was appointed by the Nigerian Government last year as special Leprosy Worker, and will act as Honorary Secretary of the local branch of the Association in Nigeria, has recently returned from a visit to India, where he attended a course of instruction under Dr. Muir in Calcutta. Dr. Mayer also visited some of the principal leper institutions in India, and recently left to take up his work in Nigeria.

THE GOLD COAST.

Dr M. B. D. Dixey, who has been appointed by the Gold Coast Government, and who is going out to do the same kind of work in the Gold Coast, has also been to India, and will leave very shortly for his new work in this Colony.

Note.—The Association has, within the last few months, made grants of money for buildings at Treatment Centres in Nigeria, Uganda, Kenya, Tanganyika, Nyasaland, and Northern Rhodesia, and the Committee of the Association will gladly consider requests for help where money is required for the establishment of Treatment Centres provided that the work will be under the control or supervision of a qualified medical man or woman.