
The League of Nations and Leprosy.

In view of the information placed at its disposal by its President and various members in regard to leprosy, the Health Committee of the League of Nations recently proposed the following resolution:—

“ The Health Committee :

“ Recognising the international importance of the leprosy problem in view of (1) the report of the President on his visits to Latin America and the Far East ; (2) the reports presented by Professor Carlos Chagas since April, 1926 (document C.H. 466), and (3) the communications of the members from Japan and India ;

“ Decides to give at once, in its programme of work, a place to the study of leprosy suitable to its importance and to entrust to Professor Carlos Chagas, Surgeon-General Cumming, Colonel Graham and Professor Nagayo the preparation of a plan of international investigation of leprosy, requesting them to consult those experts whose opinion it would be desirable to obtain ;

“ Requests the Medical Director to get into touch with the public health services which have made or may make the request, in order to discover the best method of organising an international enquiry.

“ The Committee is pleased to note that the Federal Government of the United States of Brazil offers special facilities for the study of leprosy, and also learns with much satisfaction that, in addition to the funds which will be devoted to these studies by the Federal Government, Mr. Guinle, founder of various sanitary undertakings in Brazil, offers an annual contribution equivalent to \$10,000.

“ The Committee is ready, within the limits of its possibilities, to designate one or more experts to collaborate in the study of leprosy with the public health services which request such collaboration, utilising particularly the facilities offered by the Federal Government of Brazil ; and

“ Recommends that the Council be requested to ask the public health services of the interested countries what they might be ready to contribute to the studies on leprosy in the way of facilities for investigation and financial support on the basis that the League is prepared to participate in the expenses occasioned by the nomination, travelling expenses and work of the experts designated by the Health Committee.”

This Resolution was considered and adopted at the Fiftieth Session of the Council of the League, recently held at Geneva.
