

Leprosy Relief Work in Japan.

PROPOSED FORMATION OF NEW ASSOCIATION.

A Conference of those interested in leprosy work in Japan was recently held in April in Osaka. It was pointed out that there is great need for more active measures to be taken to provide for the very large number of lepers to be found in Japan. It was gratefully recognized that the Japanese Government has made laudable efforts in Japan, Korea and Formosa in the direction of maintaining its own institutions for lepers, and in making liberal grants to others who are also carrying on work for lepers.

At a public meeting it was decided that a "Japanese Leprosy Prevention Association" should be formed, and the following Resolutions were adopted :—

1. An Association for the prevention of leprosy should be organized.
2. Leper villages should be founded and a campaign should be launched for its speedy realization.
3. Founding of an institution for research work of leprosy should be endorsed.
4. Petition should be made to the competent authorities to revise the school text-books to the effect that communicability of leprosy and the dangers thereof should be duly emphasized.
5. Anti-leprosy Act should be amended by the Government. Where the head of the family suffers from leprosy Government aid should be given.
6. Efficiency of the institutions for lepers should be increased.
7. Necessary provision should be made to segregate the children exposed to leprosy.
8. Government subsidy should be granted to private agencies for the lepers.

It was agreed that the above Resolutions should be presented to the Government Authorities, and it is hoped that sufficient financial support will be forthcoming to enable this much needed Association to be formed.