

Editorial.

THE EDITOR, Dr. Robert G. Cochrane, is meeting with a warm welcome everywhere in Africa. His experience is proving of great service to leper workers, from whom much appreciation of his helpfulness has been received. Unfortunately, he has had attacks of malaria and pneumonia which called for hospital care and treatment, in consequence his itineracy has been somewhat interfered with, but we hope to see him back again in this country towards the end of July.

Although a copy of his paper on "The Classification and Routine of Leprosy" is likely to appear in an early edition of the Kenya Medical Journal, we think it will be greatly valued by workers in other fields. Certainly, we offer no apology for its presence in the present number of **THE LEPROSY REVIEW**.

For the same reason we are deservedly giving Dr. E. Muir's contribution on "The Causes of Painful Injections" wider circulation in these pages.

There are certain diseases which exact a heavy toll on the careless and uncleanly worker, and, willy-nilly, for his own protection he has to conform to modern ideas of hygiene. Because the *Lepra Bacillus* is apparently less active than others of the granulomata group, there is no reason why the attendant on leper subjects should be indifferent to health conditions. Consequently, we welcome Dr. G. Gushe-Taylor's reminder of our responsibilities as custodians of public health. The value and force of example should never be lost sight of, and he who would have health and cleanliness to reign among men must himself be considerate to the elementary laws of health.

We are always glad to receive contributions from leper workers and investigators in any field of service. In publishing the Rev. F. W. Ross's paper on "After a Year's Work—Jottings from an Indian Treatment Centre," we feel sure that it will create an interest and a fellow feeling in the minds of lay and professional worker alike. This work of healing the leper is well worth while, and therefore it is not surprising to find that notwithstanding the difficulties experienced in the early months of his stewardship, Mr. Ross is at present planning and hoping for an extension of his work among lepers.

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