

## Editorial.

**W**E are glad to bring to the notice of our readers a very important article written by Dr. James Maxwell on the menace of leprosy in Manchuria. The state of affairs depicted by Dr. Maxwell is not altogether surprising. As a result of the serious internal conditions of China, famine and disease have swept the land, and a large number of people have migrated from the more disturbed areas, chiefly from Shantung and Kiangsu, into the less troubled province of Manchuria. Among these immigrants there must have been a large number of lepers, and because of the serious economic conditions prevailing, the disease seems to have spread to an alarming extent. The position is so serious that we trust immediate action will be taken. Whether this will be done we cannot say, but we are glad to do what we can by giving this article wide publicity, and we shall bring it to the notice of the proper authorities.

In this number we are publishing the first of a series of articles on the Leprosy situation in East and Central Africa, as there have been requests from various sources that the material in the Secretary's Report on his recent tour should be given a wider publicity.

"Leprosy in India" from time to time contains articles which are of more than local interest. We intend, therefore, to have an Indian section of the REVIEW which will consist of original articles from Indian workers, and reprints of the more important contributions contained in the quarterly publication of the Indian Council of the Association.

We have pleasure in bringing to the notice of our readers an important international conference to be held at Manila, under the auspices of the Leonard Wood Memorial Fund. At this conference, to which only those taking an active part in leprosy work are being invited, the whole field will be discussed, and an attempt to standardise methods of treatment, classification and prevention will be made. The Secretary of the Association has been invited to attend, and we hope to publish in the near future a note on the findings and the result of the Conference.

This issue marks the anniversary of the REVIEW, and we have decided to increase it slightly in size and to publish illustrations. We therefore shall welcome photographs accompanying articles, and we trust our contributors will assist us in this matter.

We should like to thank all our readers for their help in the past year, and to wish them all success in their work for the forthcoming year. Perseverance and pertinacity, we suggest, are the key words to success in this most difficult problem, and we trust 1931 will see yet another step made towards its ultimate solution.