

REVIEWS AND NOTICES OF BOOKS.

It has been decided to add this section on Reviews and Notices of Books, so that workers may be reminded of, and kept in touch with, the more interesting and practical books and articles connected with leprosy and its allied subjects.

Leprosy. By Sir Leonard Rogers and E. Muir. Wright, Bristol. Simpkin, Marshall, Hamilton, Kent, London. Price 12s. 6d. (1925.)

Although this book was published in 1925, it still remains the only text-book on leprosy, and much of the information is of great value to leprosy workers. No one contemplating leprosy work should be without a copy of this volume. R.G.C.

The Principles of the Prophylaxis of Leprosy. First General Report of the Leprosy Commission of the League of Nations. Price 6d.

This comprises the findings of the League of Nations Leprosy Commission Conference held in Bangkok in December, 1930. This report, together with that of the Leonard Wood Memorial Conference held in Manila, covers the whole field of leprosy and brings present views up-to-date. There will be a disagreement in certain quarters with the primary thesis of this report—that the prophylaxis of leprosy depends on successful treatment. One cannot agree with the statement that without effective treatment compulsory segregation is the only available weapon. Epidemiological investigations all tend to show that the closed case of leprosy in many countries represents a large percentage of the total sufferers, and treatment or no treatment, there is little justification for compulsory segregation if they are no danger to the community. It is because of the primary assumption that prophylaxis depends on efficient treatment that a large section of the report deals with this question. As in Manila, so in Bangkok, an attempt is made to bring leprosy into the same category as tuberculosis. If this was done generally, a better understanding of the disease would soon be manifest, and leprosy would assume its rightful position in general disease prevention schemes. R.G.C.

Dawn. Price \$1-00.

It is with pleasure that we bring to the notice of the readers of **LEPROSY REVIEW**, the new quarterly issued and published by the patients of the Sungei Buloh Leprosy Settlement, F.M.S., and we quote the covering letter sent out with the magazine. "The magazine is composed, printed and issued by the patients for circulation among themselves. The Settlement is an isolated community of about one thousand people, and they try, rather gallantly, to keep their courage, their optimism and their grip on a healthy, normal outlook against great odds. The magazine is sterilised at the Institute of Medical Research, before issue outside, and is perfectly safe to handle and read." "**Dawn**" is the first issue of the quarterly magazine of the Sungei Buloh Leprosy Settlement. The inside cover has a drawing of the sun rising and underneath are these words:—

"The cry goes up, 'How long?'
And soon the night of weeping,
Shall be the morn of song."

We trust those interested will help this praiseworthy effort by getting into touch with the Medical Superintendent, Sungei Buloh Leprosy Settlement, Selangor, Federated Malay States. R.G.C.