COLONIAL MEDICAL REPORTS

Annual Report of the Tanganyika Territory Medical Department for 1942.

Marked progress has been made in the reorganization of the Mwakete Settlement at Tukuyu under the supervision of Mr. W. A. Lambert, a lay worker sent out by the British Empire Leprosy Relief Association. Systematic treatment and records have been instituted regarding the 905 patients, 2,400 acres are under cultivation, fruit trees have been planted in large numbers and nurseries of hynocarpus and oil palm trees established. There are 440 head of cattle, goats and pigs on the estate and industries and handicrafts have been established. A new dispensary has been built and roads maintained, almost entirely by the labours of the patients, and a school has been opened. The three years hard work of Mr. Lambert is much appreciated by the Administration and the Native Authorities.

Annual Report of the Medical Department of Uganda for 1942.

At the Government hospitals and dispensaries 434 leprosy patients have attended for treatment. In addition the Church Missionary Society look after 558 children at the Kumi Home, 385 at the Bunyonyi Colony, Kigezi, and 503 resident patients at Ongino in the Teso district, and the Roman Catholics care for 183 at their Buluba settlement, Busoga, and 240 at their Nyenga Colony in Mengo.

Report of the Sudan Medical Service for the Year 1941.

A table is given showing that 1,967 cases of leprosy were under treatment and 4,615 more were under observation only in the Sudan. A very large proportion of the total were met with in Equitorial Province with 4,192, and in the Kordofan Province with 2,062, out of a grand total of 6,582 cases. The Blue Nile Province with 171 was the only other area with over 52 cases.

Report of the Gold Coast Colony Medical Department for 1942.

The only information in this report is the statement that 733 in-patients and 488 out-patient leprosy cases were treated during 1942. With the exception of the Ho settlement, with 396 cases treated with complete arrest in 30 and improvement in 142, the other three leper settlements are little more than refuges where only drug therapy is given. There are no indications in this report of any serious attempt of the Gold Coast authorities to implement the recommendations made by Dr. E. Muir as the result of his visit to the Gold Coast Colony before the present war.