

REVIEWS.

Happy Toil (Frederick Muller Ltd.) 271 pgs. is the autobiography of Sir Leonard Rogers. The book is written in a happy, personal vein, free from technicalities which would obscure the narrative to the layman. One of the most noteworthy features of this autobiography is its revelation of the gigantic and tireless energy of its distinguished author. Indeed to find any adequate comparison, one has to go back to the 19th Century and compare his work with the arduous labours of Koch, Pasteur, Darwin, Wallace and Huxley. It is only too true to say, as the biography reveals, that Sir Leonard Rogers has done more for tropical medicine than any other single doctor in medical history. His researches cover malaria, kala-azar, rinderpest, tsetse fly, amoebiasis, bacillary dysentery, snake venom, dengue, cholera, sprue, filariasis, and last, but not least, his pioneer work on leprosy. Readers of the *Leprosy Review* will be specially interested in Chapter 13, where the author describes his early work in leprosy, and his incessant and untiring labour to drag this disease from the pariah level in which he found it. It is true to say that there is

no leprosy worker in the world today who has not directly, or indirectly, been influenced by the energy and interest initiated by Sir Leonard Rogers in the treatment of this disease. The book is a historical landmark, and we should, along with everyone else who reads it, like to offer our congratulations to its great author.

Who Walk Alone, by Perry Burgess. Guild Books, No. 145. Published by J. M. Dent & Sons, and also available from the British Empire Leprosy Relief Association, price 1/6.

This book, which was first published in England in 1941, is now available in the Guild Books series, and from the Association, at a price within the reach of everyone. It is assumed that most leprosy workers have already read this book, which is the story of an ex-soldier who suffers from leprosy. The book is intensely readable, and shows an insight which can be best understood by those who know the rich and warm genius for human understanding which is one of the special qualities of Mr. Perry Burgess. It is a book which should be read by everyone interested in leprosy, not only for the information that it gives, but for the psychological insight which portrays with feeling and sincerity, the life not of a patient but of a human being. For those who have not read it, we strongly advise them to purchase this book and read it carefully. Apart from being the story of one with leprosy, it is also an intensely moving tale, gripping from the very outset to its grim climax. A book to buy, to read, and to treasure.

Some Notes on the Construction of Leprosy Settlements, by Dr. Gordon A. Ryrie, published by The British Empire Leprosy Relief Association, price 2/6d.

This is a short and highly condensed practical study of the construction of leprosy settlements, based on the author's researches into this subject in institutions and countries all over the world. This small book is designed as an aid for administrators, public works authorities, missions or other organisations who are intending to build settlements for the accommodation of those suffering from leprosy. The book is valuable for the immense amount of practical experience which is condensed into its pages. It is amply illustrated with diagrams and practical commentary. The author states that it is not possible to lay down categorical rules for countries with widely varying local customs and resources. The book should, however, be studied by all those who are interested in the construction of leprosy settlements, and in the making of a settlement into "a home with an atmosphere," instead of into an institution.