

No More Leprosy, by J. A. Kinnear Brown, B.Sc., M.D., D.T.M.

This booklet is written to inform and stimulate the interest of all in Uganda who have to do with the welfare of the people. Dr. Brown did an important piece of work in Nigeria some 25 years ago, founding the leprosarium at Uzuakoli and initiating the system of clinics and village isolation centres which have proved so useful in bringing leprosy under control in Eastern Nigeria. Now that he has returned to Africa as the Leprosy Control Officer for Uganda, he is initiating a leprosy control system along similar lines. The booklet is divided into thirteen chapters, each of them dealing with some practical aspect of leprosy control. Most emphasis is laid on sample surveys. Already 56,000 people have been examined and 900 patients discovered. By this it is calculated that in the 5 million people of Uganda there may be 80,000 with leprosy. A hopeful sign however is that only 1 in 10 suffer from the severe lepromatous form of the disease, and that only 1 in 5 is under the age of 15. As to the method of control, he says: "The only way in which people can be safe is by not having contact with people with leprosy. The simplest and kindest way to be certain about this is to arrange for the lepers to have their own villages near dispensaries."

The booklet is well illustrated by photographs of patients. We publish with permission a reproduction of an interesting and useful propaganda poster given at the end of the booklet (see pp. 124-5).