

REPORTS

Itu Leper Colony, Nigeria. Report for 1954.

In 1954 the number admitted to the colony was 642, whereas in several previous years the number had been 900. This drop is in spite of the fact that the local authorities are taking steps to see that all who suffer from leprosy will come for treatment. This makes it clear that leprosy treatment is having its effect.

“ 1955 is going to bring new problems for the colony. There is much to be done, and it has to be done with fewer able-bodied workers than ever before. Partly owing to the opening of treatment centres in the Cameroons, the total number of those receiving discharge at the end of the year was just under 2,000.’

Gratitude is expressed for donations received from the British Empire Leprosy Relief Association and the Child Adoption Scheme. Dr. and Mrs. Macdonald, the founders of the colony, retired in September. The new hospital was completed in July, 1954—a standing memory to the amazing work which they have accomplished and to the cause for which they have laboured so long.