OBITUARY—DR. A. FILIPENI

Prof. Dr. Scarlat Longhin of the Societatea Stiintelor Medicale din R.P.R., Bucuresti, Str. Progresului, No. 8, has had the kindness and courtesy to send the following obituary notice of a Rumanian leprologist, Dr. Alexander Filipanu.

Dr. Alexander Filipanu, director of the Tichilesti State Leprosarium died on 24th December, 1957. Born in 1889 at Cocisuca village in the Dorohoi department, he studied in the Faculty of Medicine at Iassy, obtaining the M.D. degree in 1920. He successively occupied the posts of externe, interne, and secondary doctor at St. Spiridon Hospital in Iassy. After obtaining his degree, he occupied the post of assistant at the Neurological Clinic, Iassy, and then that of Dozent at the same clinic, up to 1924. From 1922 to 1923 he studied at the Dermatological Clinic of the Faculty of Medicine in Leipzig, directed by Prof. Richle. From 1924 to 1939 he was a chief dermatologist at the Central Hospital in Chisinau.

In June, 1939, he was appointed chief doctor at the State Leprosarium, Tichilesti. Subsequently, Dr. Alexander Filipanu dedicated himself, until the end of his life, to the care of the leprosy patients. Far from any medical centre, at 50 km. from the nearest town, he showed a special self-sacrifice in the care of these patients separated from their families, leading the same lonely life. His work in the leprosarium was a shining example of self-abnegation. Even after reaching 60 years of age, he continued on duty, in spite of the fact that he was rather ill.

Dr. Alexander Filipanu also contributed to many scientific works on leprosy in its clinical, epidemiological and therapeutic aspects.

By the death of Dr. Alexander Filipanu, Rumanian Dermatology loses a valued specialist, chiefly in leprology.

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Dr. Cyril Wallace was born at Montego Bay, Jamaica, on 19th July, 1900, and died at Tanga in Tanganyika on 11th May, 1958. He graduated in 1922 and in 1924 went to the Mission Field at Lebombo in Portuguese East Africa. In July, 1929, he offered his services to Bishop G. A. Chambers, of Central Tanganyika and began work there as the only doctor in the C.M.S. mission field in that area, and, when he was centred on Kilimatinde, he discovered at Makatapora a neglected small leprosarium which had been established by the German colonial authorities. This place was revived and reconstructed by the Mission, and continues to the present time. In 1936 Dr. Wallace was ordained at the Cathedral in Dodoma and in 1937