

## Editorial

### I.—NEW BOOK ON LEPROSY

The appearance of a new book on leprosy is an event. *Leprosy in Theory and Practice*, 1964, published by John Wright & Sons Ltd., Bristol, and edited by R. G. COCHRANE and T. F. DAVEY is in fact the second edition of this work and there is no question but that it is the standard book on leprosy in the English language. The book contains 659 pages and 245 illustrations and costs £5.15.0.

A more detailed review is published in this issue, pp. 223–225, but we wish to draw attention to this book as it comes under the heading as a standard book which everyone who is actively interested in leprosy should sell his shoes and buy. The schema of the book is that the Editors of it have printed the studies of 43 experts in each branch of the subject, ranging from JENNIFER M. ALLEN through ANTIA, BRAND and PRICE (Surgical), BROWNE, DHARMENDRA, MIDDLEBROOK and REES and others (Research), NIMBKAR (Rehabilitation), to WEAVER (Histology). This is to mention only a few as a sort of appetiser.

We wish to express our congratulations to COCHRANE and DAVEY on this great work and to all those who have contributed.

### II.—DEATH OF DR. K. MITSUDA OF JAPAN

The following telegram with its sad information arrived on 15.5.64:

‘REGRET INFORM DOCTOR MITSUDA PASSED AWAY YESTERDAY STOP EXPRESS SINCERE GRATITUDE FOR KINDNESS SHOWN IN HIS LIFETIME — HAMANO TOFUKYOKAI’.

The following reply was immediately sent:

‘SINCERE SYMPATHY AT NEWS OF DEATH OF MITSUDA AND GRATITUDE FOR HIS MAGNIFICENT LIFETIME AND OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO LEPROLOGY — ROSS INNES’.

This Journal, in January, Vol. 35, No. 2, 1964, published the information that DR. MITSUDA had been appointed an Honorary Vice-President of the International Leprosy Association and was able to print a photograph received from DR. MITSUDA. On the opposite page in this issue we print a larger photograph, kindly supplied by WHO.

We shall always be grateful for the life and work of DR. MITSUDA in the same way as that of ARMAUER HANSEN and the few others whose contribution to the study of leprosy has been quite outstanding.

### III.—DR. S. G. BROWNE on *Rehabilitation of the Cripple in Africa*

DR. S. G. BROWNE has kindly sent a brief but interesting account of a Conference on this subject held in Kampala, Uganda, March 17–20, 1964. The text is as follows:

‘The initiative for this Symposium came from the National Fund for Research into Poliomyelitis and Other Crippling Diseases, London,

England. Invited delegates from various countries in Africa, and also from the United States of America, Jamaica, India and Hong Kong, took part. The Chairman was Sir Herbert Seddon, the well-known orthopaedic surgeon from the United Kingdom.

While the main emphasis was on such crippling diseases as poliomyelitis, and on trauma, the interests of leprosy were represented by PROFESSOR PAUL BRAND (Vellore), DR. STANLEY ROWNE (Uzuakoli, Nigeria), and DR. MORRIS LEA and MISS JANE NEVILLE (Uganda). PROFESSOR BRAND opened a discussion on "The management of nerve lesions in leprosy", DR. BROWNE gave an address on "Leprosy rehabilitation in Africa", and MISS NEVILLE (of the Kumi Leprosy Centre) spoke on "The education and training of cripples". Methods of treatment and appliances for diverse deformities were demonstrated, and MR. JOHN GLEAVE (of Hong Kong) advocated the application of modern techniques in appliance making to the problems of Africa.

In view of the tremendous toll of crippling conditions throughout the continent of Africa, there is a great and growing need for rehabilitation services of all kinds, directed towards the prevention and treatment of physical impairment. Praiseworthy initiative on the part of individuals – in leprosy as in other crippling diseases – indicates what can and should be done on a vaster scale.

This small gathering of experts was most valuable: ample time was available for discussion of the papers that had been previously distributed, and the meetings resolved themselves into working sessions.'