

Editorial

1 PRICE INCREASE OF LEPROSY REVIEW

The first warning of prospective price increase was given in Vol. 36, No. 2, April 1965.

With much regret it has been found necessary to double the subscription to *Leprosy Review*. This has been due to investigation of the rising costs of printing and it is intended that, in order to cover the cost of production, the price for a single copy of the Journal will be sh10/- whereas hitherto only sh5/- per copy has been charged. It is hoped that all subscribers will give us their support and pay the new annual subscription which will be raised to **£2 per annum from 1st January, 1966.**

2 ANTIBIOTICS IN THERAPY OF LEPROSY

In the past antibiotics have not achieved a dominant position in the therapy of leprosy largely because of toxicity and cost. In this issue we publish a paper by D. V. A. Opromolla, Lauro de Souza Lima and G. Caprara, on an antibiotic which has been used in leprosy therapy with some success, page 123.

3 Two interesting subjects are dealt with by Dr S. G. Browne on pages 119 and 133 viz. 'A positive Kveim reaction in a case of leprosy' and 'Leprosy in Eastern Nigeria - reflections on cases diagnosed at Uzuakoli 1959-64'.

4 The importance of surgery in modern leprosy is maintained by Dr W. M. Lennox, page 109, 'Plastic Surgery of the Anaesthetic Foot of Leprosy'.

5 Dr A. R. Davison's article on 'Six Years Follow-up of Diphenylthiourea Treatment', page 145, takes up a subject on which he wrote

before his retirement, and we believe that Dr Schulz is also working on a similar subject.

6 The important subject of Chemoprophylaxis is clearly raised in the paper 'Chemoprophylaxis with DDS, mainly in Children: A short trial' by Dr R. A. Brèchet out of his experiences.

7 News from Africa of great importance is that Dr. S. G. Browne, who has been Director of the Research Unit, Uzuakoli, for the past six years, has resigned on being invited to succeed Dr. Cochrane as Director of the Leprosy Study Centre in London. He will be leaving Uzuakoli in September of this year.

This Centre is noted for its good study facilities and its valuable investigations into various aspects of leprosy, especially problems of treatment. Its work is of the highest value in the control of leprosy in Africa and throughout the world.

As a matter of great urgency, anyone who feels capable of tackling such an important job as Director of the Uzuakoli Leprosy Research Unit, which has an adjacent leprosarium, should communicate either with us, or with Dr. S. G. Browne direct at the Leprosy Research Unit, Uzuakoli, Eastern Nigeria, and to Dr. S. O. Egwuatu, Chief Medical Officer, Ministry of Health, Enugu, Eastern Nigeria.

It is necessary that the person appointed should possess a higher qualification and should have had a wide experience in leprosy, including if possible familiarity with investigative procedures as applied to leprosy.