

Editorial

1. 'THE REAL MACKAY'. Dr. S. G. Browne has kindly sent us a report of the first General Assembly of ELEP (the Co-ordinating Committee of European Voluntary Agencies engaged in the fight against leprosy) and this report will be found on p. 117. We wish to state that ELEP is 'the real Mackay'. Readers may be puzzled by the weird Scotch expression but will remember that Sir Walter Scott wrote a famous book, 'The Heart of Midlothian', wherein the Duke of Argyll and Jeanie Deans had a conversation in which they agreed that 'the heart aye warms to the tartan', and 'the real Mackay' is only a common expression for real genuine people, and points out that the heart warms to such people. We point out that we are in a state of being warmed by the action of ELEP and in our metaphor we express our gratitude and appreciation for a genuine group of people who have helped leprosy work in supporting the forthcoming International Leprosy Congress in London by making it possible to include two more languages in the very necessary translation and interpretation service in such a congress. French and Portuguese are to be included as well as English and Spanish which alone the congress could afford.

2. HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN AS PATRON OF THE NINTH INTERNATIONAL LEPROSY CONGRESS. The gracious act of Her Majesty the Queen in granting her patronage to the Congress is very cheering. We might also say that the act of Her Majesty justifies our following the same metaphor that she is 'the real Mackay'. All who work in leprosy in the whole world are very appreciative and will give thanks for this gracious act.

3. C.M.G. We are also proud to announce that Dr. J. A. Kinnear Brown has been awarded the c.m.g. by Her Majesty for his services to leprosy and we offer him our hearty congratulations. Dr. Brown went out to Nigeria in 1930 under the Methodist Missionary Society

and in 1932 chose the site and started the Uzuakoli Leprosarium which later developed into the famous Uzuakoli Leprosy Research Centre. He then returned to England for health and domestic reasons but after the war he returned to Africa in 1951 as leprologist for Uganda. Among his outstanding pieces of service are the BCG trials carried out at Kumi Leprosy Centre, Uganda, which bore such fruit.

4. OBITUARIES. We regret to announce the loss of 3 stalwart workers.

- (1) Dr. W. E. Cooke, F.R.C.S.I., D.P.H., a former medical superintendent of the Hospital for Tropical Diseases, London, died on 3 February, 1967, at the age of 87. Latterly he was a valued member of the Medical Committee of Leprosy. He was a Christian and had many other medical interests including the Homes of St. Giles and the Missionary School of Medicine. His life and service will be greatly missed.
- (2) Dr. S. G. Spickett, B.Sc., Ph.D., died of cancer on 22 September, 1966, at the early age of 34. His interests were in Genetics and several valuable papers by him have been published in *Leprosy Review*. We know that his last paper was written for *Leprosy Review* and we are still trying to trace it. His work was such that we would gladly publish this paper posthumously if we could find it. The attention he paid to genetics in leprosy was very valuable and perhaps it is a hint to us to pursue this subject and to encourage present workers to carry on his researches.

Note: As we go to press some notes by Dr. Spickett have reached us and we have printed them on p. 109.

- (3) Rev. Joseph Sweeney, M.M., of Korea, died on 27 November, 1966. A full obituary appears in the January-February, 1967, issue of *The Star*, Carville, Louisiana, U.S.A.

5. THE PHILIPPINE JOURNAL OF LEPROSY. VOL. 1, NO. 1, JAN.-JULY, 1966. We heartily welcome the first issue of the Philippine Journal of Leprosy which has just reached us and we wish it well. We hope it will have an active life for it will be a great asset to leprosy work in the world. It is printed in English and the first issue contains the following original articles:—

Organizational Set Up of Leprosy Control in the Philippines, by L. V. UYGUANCO.

Leprosy Control in the Philippines, by D. DISINI.

Mental Health Problems in Leprosy, by F. JOSE.

Leprosy in Children. General Considerations: Initial and Early Stages, by C. B. LARA.
Calcium Phenyl Butazone (Pyrazon) in Reactive Episodes of Leprosy, by P. REYES-JAVIER.

6. WELCOME TO OVERSEAS VISITORS. Visitors from overseas are gladly welcomed at the Editorial Office of *Leprosy Review*. This office is still in the London area and can be reached easily in 25 minutes by a frequent train service from Baker Street Station. A telephone call to this office (*Tel.*: 01-866 2237) will ensure an appointment.

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1. We are most happy to announce that Her Majesty the Queen has graciously consented to grant her Patronage to this Congress.
2. Thanks to the generous gesture of ELEP (the Co-ordinating Committee of European Voluntary Agencies engaged in the fight against leprosy), in making available the sum of \$5,000 U.S. towards the expenses of the forthcoming Ninth International Congress (to be held in London, 16th-21st September, 1968), the Secretary-Treasurer of the International Leprosy Association is happy to announce that arrangements will be made for simultaneous translations in French and Portuguese in addition to English and Spanish.

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