

Editorial

We have been informed by the Gandhi Memorial Leprosy Foundation, Wardha, Maharashtra, India, that it has decided to start refresher courses for general medical practitioners to make them leprosy-conscious so that they may detect leprosy and treat it in the course of their general work. The Foundation is also planning to hold a Leprosy Health Education Training Course for paramedical workers for 2 months from 1 April, 1968. The course will cover the main activities of the paramedical worker, the education of society, contacts with general practitioners, general help to patients and surveys to detect early leprosy patients. Under these headings a very comprehensive programme has been prepared and every aspect of the activities considered.

The plans of the Gandhi Memorial Leprosy Foundation and the article by Bhola Nath in the *Journal of the Indian Medical Association* abstracted on page 91 are encouraging signs that doctors are taking an interest in helping leprosy in the right way. This is very important action from India and it is hoped that doctors throughout the world will follow suit.

OBITUARY. As we go to press we learn that Stanley Stein, Founder-editor of *The Star*, passed away at Carville on 18 December, 1967. We wish to take this opportunity to pay tribute to one who worked so unceasingly for the good of leprosy patients.

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Plans are well advanced for the Congress, despite the inevitable setbacks and difficulties.

ABSTRACTS are pouring in—but many authors have sent one copy (instead of four) and have failed to respect the limit of 200 words, or the deadline (31 March).

AUTHORS of papers will have been notified whether their papers have been accepted for reading in full or reading by title only.

DISCUSSANTS will be chosen by the respective Chairmen of sessions from among authors of proffered papers and from the floor.

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