

## LEPRA REPORT 1976

The Annual Report of Lepra for 1975, the 52nd in a long series, tells in a modest way a continuing story of distinguished service and dedication which has been characteristic of Lepra from the beginning. It involves not only leprosy workers overseas, but many people in Britain whose offering of time, energy, skill and concern has enabled the work to continue.

In a year of economic stress the income of Lepra at £432,738 fell only slightly as compared with 1974, and in spite of a great increase in costs it was possible to maintain to the full the services rendered overseas. Twenty-one nations benefited from Lepra aid, with Malawi, India and Sierra Leone heading the list. The establishment by the World Health Organization of IMMLEP is an international development of great challenge and hope. Lepra has been associated with IMMLEP in 1975 both through Dr Rees, Chairman of Lepra's Medical Advisory Board, who is a permanent member, and Dr Molesworth, Director of the Lepra eradication project in Malawi. At the same time Lepra gave financial help to enable Dr Celia Moss to work in Burma in the interest of IMMLEP.

*Leprosy Review* has had a prosperous year, a notable feature being the large Supplement covering the Second International Leprosy Colloquium on the Chemotherapy of Leprosy, Today and Tomorrow, held at the Forschungsinstitut, W. Germany. After 10 years of operation the Lepra pilot leprosy control project based on Blantyre has been handed over to the Government of Malawi. The Lepra Child Adoption Scheme has been brought to a conclusion and replaced by the very successful Children's Fund which facilitates the work among child out-patients. In these and in other ways, notably in training, the work of Lepra continues, and we offer all concerned our best wishes for an outstandingly successful year in 1976.