

LEPROSY NEWS AND NOTES

Information concerning institutions, organizations and individuals connected with leprosy work, scientific or other meetings, legislative enactments and other matters of interest.

LEONARD WOOD MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIPS

The trustees of the Leonard Wood Memorial, on the recommendation of the Medical Advisory Board, have approved the establishment of a limited number of fellowships for Central and South American leprologists. The program is being worked out in cooperation with the Office of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs and the United States Public Health Service.

The details are tentative but instruction will cover one year, divided into periods of approximately three months. The first will be devoted to clinical and administrative instruction and, if necessary, to improvement of English; it will be spent at the United States Marine Hospital at Carville, La. The second will be spent at New Orleans, where basic work in parasitology and hematology will be given at Tulane University, and lectures in epidemiology at Louisiana State University. There also will be opportunity for a limited amount of clinical instruction at Charity Hospital. The third will be devoted to epidemiology, pathology and dermatology and will be spent at Western Reserve University, Cleveland. The fourth quarter will be elective. Students showing special interest in bacteriology will be sent to the University of Michigan, those interested in epidemiology or pathology will remain at Western Reserve University. Other choices may be arranged according to requirements of individual Fellows.

—PERRY BURGESS

SOCIEDADE MINEIRA DE LEPROLOGIA

On November 5th, 1941, the Sociedade Mineira de Leprologia was organized at the Colonia Santa Izabel, and the following officers were elected:

President: Dr. Abrahão Salomão
Vice Pres.: Dr. Olave Laudares
Gen. Sec'y: Dr. José Marianno
Treasurer: Dr. Genaro Henriques.

CENSUS OF LEPROSY IN MARANHÃO, BRAZIL

The Leprosy Control Service of the state has completed the first general census of persons suffering from leprosy. The bulk of the work was done by two itinerant physicians and by the Central Skin Clinic at St. Luiz, the capital. There were recorded 1,211

cases, a prevalence rate of 1.02 per 1000 population. Of the cases, 836 or 68 per cent were in males and 375 or 31 per cent in females. Seventy cases or six per cent were in children. More than 90 per cent were born in the state.

The clinical types of the disease were: lepromatous, 287 or 24 per cent; neural, 615 or 51 per cent; mixed, 214 or 17.7 per cent and, suspicious, 95 or 7.8 per cent.

Of 65 counties prevalence was 0 in 6, from 0.01 to 1.0 per 1000 in 37, from 1.0 to 2.0 in 10, from 2.0 to 3.5 in 11, and 5.7 in Anajutuba county, the highest prevalence.

In 48 foci closed cases predominate and in 11 open cases. On May 31, 1941, there were only 183 patients at the Colonia do Bomfim. — H. C. DE SOUZA-ARAÚJO.

NEW LEPROSARIA

1. Colonia "Getulio Vargas," João Pessoa, Parahyba, inaugurated July 12th, 1941; capacity, 100 patients.

2. Colonia "São Julião," Campo Grande, Matto Grosso, inaugurated August 8th, 1941; capacity 250 patients.

3. Colonia "Mirueira," Recife, Pernambuco, inaugurated August 28th, 1941; capacity, 300 patients.

4. Colonia "São Bento," Ceará, inaugurated September 7th, 1941; capacity, 300 patients. The older leprosarium "Antonio Diogo" will be reserved for the far advanced and crippled.

—H. C. DE SOUZA-ARAÚJO

PREVENTORIA

Instituto "Guararapes" Recife, Pernambuco, inaugurated August 8th, 1941; for 200 children of leprous parents.

Preventorio "Eunice Weaver," João Pessoa, Parahyba, inaugurated August 10th, 1941; for 100 children.

—H. C. DE SOUZA-ARAÚJO

COLONIA EDUARDO RABELLO

In memory of the late Professor Eduardo Rabello, the distinguished leprologist, the Ministry of Health, by decision of March 12th, 1941, has given his name to the leprosarium of Maceió, Alagoas, inaugurated on October 11th, 1940.—H. C. DE SOUZA-ARAÚJO