Editorials

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS, I. L. A. A CORRECTION

At the Havana Congress, because it appeared that there might be mutual advantages in affiliation with the Association of various other societies and organizations engaged in leprosy work, for reasons connected with the relationship of the Association with the World Health Organization which has been established, it was resolved that the following paragraph should be added to its constitution:

9A. Affiliated Organizations.—The Association shall seek affiliations of scientific and other societies and organizations working in leprosy which are approved by the Council. [THE JOURNAL 16 (1948) 250.]

By inadvertence, when the revised constitution was published [THE JOURNAL 17 (1949) 415-423] the form of that paragraph was changed and the new one quoted above was inserted as a second paragraph, numbered (b), of Section 9. Since that section pertains to "local branches," it is possible that the sense of the amendment may be taken to be that other established organizations which may affiliate with the Association are to be regarded as of that category, which is not the case.

The revised constitution should therefore be corrected as follows: (1) After "9. Local Branches.—" delete "(a)." (2) In the next (added) paragraph delete "(b)" and insert the heading, "9A. Affiliated Organizations.—"

The original Section 9 (proper) of the constitution, and Section 7 of the by-laws, which were not altered from the original form [THE JOURNAL 1 (1933) 102 and 107], both include mention of affiliated local societies as they were envisioned at the time the Association was organized. In order to clarify the relationship between the Association and independent organizations which affiliate with it under present circumstances, these portions of the constitution and by-laws should be revised at the first opportunity.

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