

ASSOCIATION NEWS

Official reports and statements provided from time to time by the general and section officers of the International Leprosy Association, and other pertinent material will be published under this heading.

INTERNATIONAL LEPROSY ASSOCIATION

PRESENT STATUS OF THE ORGANIZATION OF THE ASSOCIATION

The nucleus of the International Leprosy Association was formed by the members of the Leonard Wood Memorial Conference in Manila in January, 1931. The proposal to form the association was initiated by Dr. H. W. Wade, who had been for some years past working toward the formulation of such an organization.

The purposes of the International Leprosy Association are to encourage and facilitate mutual acquaintance between persons of all nationalities who are concerned in leprosy work and the co-ordination of their efforts; to facilitate the dissemination of knowledge of leprosy and its control; to aid in any other practical manner the anti-leprosy campaign throughout the world; and to this end to publish a scientific journal of leprosy.

The general body of the association is divided for appropriate particular purposes into two regional bodies, the Western and Eastern Sections. The Western Section comprises the members located in Europe, Africa, and the Americas; the Eastern Section, those located in Asia and Oceania.

Memberships are *regular*, "limited to persons with recognized medical degree, and those with other scientific qualifications who are, or have been, actively connected with leprosy work," and *associate*, open to all other interested persons. Membership dues are one guinea (British currency) a year. Each member receives the *INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF LEPROSY* for the period for which he has paid his membership dues.

The organizing group elected temporary general officers and councillors to serve as such until the association could be put on a permanent basis and officers regularly elected by the future membership-at-large. Dr. Victor G. Heiser agreed to serve as president,

and Dr. Robert G. Cochrane as general secretary. A constitution and by-laws were tentatively adopted, subject to later action by the general membership.

During the year the secretary prepared an extensive list of persons who might be interested in joining the association. These were circularized twice, once from London and once from New York. By the end of January, 1932—a year from the time of formation—well over three hundred applications for membership had been received.

A meeting of the (temporary) general council was held in London in February, 1932. Action was taken on various matters within the scope of the authority of the council. The temporary editorial board of the *International Journal of Leprosy*, was reappointed, which is as follows: Dr. H. W. Wade, Culion, P. I., editor; Drs. James L. Maxwell, Shanghai, China, and H. P. Lie, Bergen, Norway, associate editors. The editorial board has selected Dr. C. B. Lara, Culion, P. I., to be assistant editor.

After considering the experiences of the previous year and the suggestions received, a number of changes in the constitution and by-laws were adopted for proposal to the membership. Nominations of officers and councillors for the general organization and the sections were also adopted. The proposed changes in constitution and by-laws and the nominations were then submitted by mail to all those who had made application for membership in the association. In due course the president will declare action taken on the basis of the votes received.

The officers and councillors nominated for a period of five years (as from January 1, 1932) are as follows:

I. FOR THE GENERAL COUNCIL

General Officers

President—Dr. V. G. HEISER, New York City.

Vice-Presidents—Chairmen of Eastern and Western Sections, ex-officio.

General Secretary-Treasurer—Dr. R. G. COCHRANE, London.

General Councillors

Sir LEONARD ROGERS, London.

Dr. E. BURNET, League of Nations, Geneva.

Dr. C. DE LANGEN, Batavia, Netherlands East Indies.

Dr. M. OTA, Sendai, Japan.

Secretary-Treasurers of Sections, and the Editor of the Journal, *ex officio*.

II. SECTION COUNCILS

1. *Western Section*

Chairman—Dr. E. MARCHOUX, Paris.

Vice-Chairman—Dr. H. C. DE SOUZA ARAUJO, Rio de Janeiro.

Secretary-Treasurer—Dr. H. P. LIE, Bergen, Norway. (To be, *ex-officio*, an Associate Editor of the Journal and member of the General Council.)

Councillors—Dr. ENRIQUE P. FIDANZA, Buenos Aires; Prof. Dr. B. NOCHT, Hamburg; Dr. N. E. WAYSON, Honolulu, Hawaii; Dr. B. MOISER, Ngomahuru, Southern Rhodesia.

2. *Eastern Section*

Chairman—Dr. E. MUIR, Calcutta.

Vice-Chairman—Dr. K. MITSUDA, Nagashima, Japan.

Secretary-Treasurer—Dr. JAMES L. MAXWELL, Shanghai. (To be, *ex-officio*, an Associate Editor of the Journal and member of the General Council.)

Councillors—Dr. J. LOWE, Calcutta, India; Dr. WU-LIEN-TEH, Shanghai, China; Dr. J. N. RODRIGUEZ, Cebu, P. I.; Dr. GUSHUE-TAYLOR, Taihoku, Formosa.

The constitution and by-laws, as revised by the proposals submitted by the General Council, appears in full in this issue of the JOURNAL, for the information of members and others interested.

At the time of the Council meeting the total number of members in the association was nearly 340. This response, larger than had been expected previous to the appearance of the Journal, is most encouraging to those upon whom will fall the burden of the task of conducting the association and producing its publication. It is anticipated that a considerable number of non-membership subscriptions to the Journal will be received now that the publication has been started.

The general council appeals to all members to help in increasing the influence of the association, as only by the concerted help of all can the council hope completely to fulfill its duties, and make a worthy contribution toward advancement of knowledge and effort in the field of leprosy.

ROBERT G. COCHRANE
General Secretary

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

I March 4 to December 31, 1931 ⁽¹⁾

| Receipts | £. s. d. | Payments | £. s. d. |
|---|-------------|--|-------------|
| To Subscriptions of mem- bers | 281. 8. 7. | By Typing and addressing | 24. 1. 6. |
| To Dr. H. C. de Souza- Araujo donation from sales of book | 173. 15. 2. | By Salaries, clerical | 4. 6. 8. |
| | | By Printing and station- ery | 27. 2. 7. |
| | | By Postage and telegrams | 49. 14. 6. |
| | | By Freight, printed mat- ter | 17. 6. |
| | | By Office equipment | 3. 15. 0. |
| | | By Bank charges | 1. 3. 2. |
| | | Total expended | 111. 0. 11. |
| | | By Transfer to Temporary General Treasurer, Ma- nila, on account of the Journal | 201. 0. 0. |
| | | By Balance carried down | 134. 2. 10. |
| Total | £455. 3. 9. | Total | £455. 3. 9. |

II January 1 to June 30, 1932 ⁽²⁾

| Receipts | £. s. d. | Payments | £. s. d. |
|--|---------------|--|---------------|
| To Subscriptions of mem- bers (new) | 139. 15. 11. | By Secretarial assistance . | 5. 0. 0. |
| | | By Printing and station- ery | 6. 12. 7. |
| | | By Postage and telegrams | 9. 10. 8. |
| | | By Freight, printed mat- ter | 2. 6. 1. |
| | | By Office equipment | 8. 0. 0. |
| | | By Expenses, Council meet- ing | 20. 0. 0. |
| | | By Drawing, seal of Asso- ciation | 1. 13. 6. |
| | | By Law and Accountants' fee | 9. 9. 0. |
| | | By Bank charges | 11. 10. |
| | | Total expended | 63. 3. 8. |
| | | Balance, excess of re- ceipts over payments | 76. 12. 3. |
| Total | £139. 15. 11. | Total | £139. 15. 11. |

(By R. G. COCHRANE,
General Secretary-Treasurer)

⁽¹⁾ Expenses for 1931 were principally in connection with solicitation of memberships. Account prepared and certified by Jno. S. Chappelow, F.C.A., Chartered Accountant.

⁽²⁾ Semi-annual interim report, not audited, not taking into account the balance remaining on December 31, 1931.

Summary.—From the foregoing accounts it is seen that, to June 30, 1932, the General Secretary-Treasurer had received a total of £594.19.8, of which £421.4.6 was on account of membership dues and £173.15.2 was a donation by Dr. H. C. de Souza-Araujo, of Rio de Janeiro, this being a fund collected in the interest of the publication of a leprosy journal.

Expenditures by the General Secretary-Treasurer during the period totalled £174.4.7. During 1931 these were mainly in connection with the solicitation of membership, under the authority of resolutions adopted by the temporary General Council at its first meeting, held in Manila in January, 1931; subsequent expenditures were under appropriations made by the General Council during its meetings in London in February, 1932.

The balance of funds to the account of the Association on June 30, 1932, as here shown, were £210.0.0 transferred to Manila and £210.15.1 held in London. All of that transferred to Manila, and most of that held in London, is earmarked for expenditure in connection with the publication of the *International Journal of Leprosy*.

THE INSIGNIUM

When the Association was organized, it was planned that there should be devised an insignium to be used as the official seal. A year later no concrete suggestion in this connection had been heard. At the meeting of the General Council in London, Dr. H. P. Lie, of Bergen, Norway, exhibited the insignium that had been used by the second *International Leprosy Conference*, held in Bergen in 1910.

This bears, in formal representation, Saint George, the ancient patron of European lepers, overcoming a dragon; it has neither sectarian nor nationalistic significance. The suggestion of struggle and idealism in this medalion appealed to the members of the General Council present, and after discussion it was voted to adopt it, with certain modifications, as the insignium of the Association. The essential features of it are reproduced on the front cover of the *Journal*.