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JOHN LOWE

The sudden and untimely death of Dr. John Lowe leaves a gap in the all-too-small circle of experienced, senior students of leprosy that, apart from personal considerations, will long be felt and will not readily be filled. He left active field research when, partly because of the beginnings of his cardiac trouble, he accepted the post of medical secretary of the British Empire Leprosy Relief Association. Nevertheless, because of his experience, abilities and solid good sense he was continuing to contribute in other ways, and would long have done so.

The position he took on is one of influence. He had already made himself felt as Editor of *Leprosy Review*, and would have done so as one of our Associate Editors. Another important point of active contact was as Secretary-Treasurer of the International Leprosy Association, and in that capacity he would have had much to do with the next international congress; and he was actively looking ahead to it. Besides an obituary note, we are running in this issue a reprinting of an article of his which is in a sense a final, summary report of his main therapy experiments in Nigeria.