

REVIEWS

LA LEPRO. Special Issue, 1960, March.

This publication is another of the occasional issues of this periodical, entirely in English, put out in substantial paper covers, of "selected articles" although this one does not bear that designation. The similar ones put out in 1955 and 1956 were marked Vol. 24 and Vol. 25, respectively; this one is marked "Vol. 26-28." There is no explanatory editor's note.

The articles, of which there are eight, are not simply English translations of some which had appeared in the Japanese language in regular issues of the 1957-1959 period. Two, it is true, are marked in a footnote as from 1957, and another as from 1958, but the other manuscripts are marked as received late in 1959. Some are presentations of material already published in accessible sources, in general extended and brought up to date for the present purpose. Others are not in our reference file, although they may have been previously published in other Japanese periodicals.

These articles cannot be adequately abstracted here, but for those of which there have been known previous publications references are given. (For brevity, the Transactions of the VII International Congress of Leprosy, Tokyo, 1958, are referred to as "Tokyo Trans." and THE JOURNAL is referred to as "I.J.L."). The titles here are as in the present publication, not in previous ones. Of some, abstracts have been made and appear elsewhere in this issue. Anyone interested would do well to refer to the Special Issue itself.

KITAMURA, K. On classification of leprosy. Pp. 1-5. A considerably extended version of the one in Tokyo Trans., pp. 19-21 (*abst.* I.J.L. **26** (1958) 418). (The first report on this subject was by the author and M. Nishiura, I.J.L. **24** (1956) 1-12).

OGATA, T. (Tomosaburo). Some observations concerning the pathology of leprosy; especially in regard to the disease types. Pp. 7-18. An extension of the original, in Tokyo Trans. pp. 111-119 (*abst.* I.J.L. **26** (1958) 427-428).

OGATA, T., FUKUSHI, K., YUKAWA, T., IIDAKA, K., TAKANO, K. and NAKAYAMA, T. Relationship between tuberculosis and leprosy as seen from the standpoint of pathology. Pp. 19-36. This presentation, based in part on a previous one, has apparently not previously been published. The conclusions are used for an abstract which appears elsewhere in this issue.

YANAGISAWA, K. On the immunological relationship between tuberculosis and leprosy with special reference to the effect of BCG administration upon the prophylaxis of leprosy. Pp. 37-47. This article contains a well-considered exposition (with 58 references), of the views regarding the lepromin reaction of an important sector of Japanese students of the matter, and the whole should be read because it is too briefly and incompletely represented by the summary used as an abstract elsewhere in this issue.

OGATA, T. (Tomio), HARA, I. and ABE, M. Serological relationship of leprosy, tuberculosis and syphilis. I. Different reactivities of leprosy and syphilitic sera in the agglutination test using cardiolipin, lecithin and other lipid antigens. Pp. 49-57. This is another extension of a Tokyo congress paper [Tokyo Trans., pp. 215-219; *abst.* I.J.L. **26** (1958) 428].

ABE, M. Serological relationship of leprosy, tuberculosis and syphilis. II. In vitro antigenicity of the lipid recovered from leprosy nodule. Pp. 59-65. A new contribution of which an abstract appears elsewhere in this issue.

MAYAMA, A. Influence of serum protein fractions of leprosy patients and rats infected with experimental murine leprosy on the growth of tuberculosis bacilli. Pp. 67-78. Another apparently new contribution, dating from 1957, of which there is an abstract elsewhere in this issue.

KAWAGUCHI, Y. The immunological correlation of tuberculosis to murine leprosy. Pp. 78-88. This contribution, also dated from 1957, would appear to be simply a compilation of a series of 4 articles published in *La Lepra* **24** (1955) 64-71 and 288-294, and **25** (1956) 119-123 and 124-126 [*absts. I.J.L.* **24** (1956) 124 and 243, and **25** (1957) 306].—H. W. W.

Indice Bibliográfico de Lepra. 4^o Suplemento. Reação de Mitsuda, 1910-1959. Organizado por Luiza Keffer, chefe de Seção Biblioteca e Documentação, Departamento de Profilaxia da Lepra do Estado de São Paulo. São Paulo, Brazil, 1960, 228 + 5 pp., mimeographed.

This massive compilation of the literature of the Mitsuda reaction, by the indefatigable librarian of the Department of Leprosy Prophylaxis of São Paulo, demands more than passing notice. It is not a mere list of references, for it contains a great many copied abstracts or summaries, often long, usually in the original language although some of those from *THE JOURNAL* are the Spanish versions of the original English summaries. There is an indispensable 5-page authors' index.

The compilation is amazingly comprehensive, although not entirely complete—which it would be unreasonable to expect of any one source, however diligent. For example, there is no reference to Mitsuda's original article (1919), although it was recently reprinted in English translation in *THE JOURNAL*. F. Hayashi's original articles were also in Japanese only and consequently are not included, but his first generally available report (*THE JOURNAL*, 1933) is noticed only by the reference. On the other hand doubtless anyone will find, as we have, many items which are not in his file.

By count, there is a total of 531 items. Of these, 197 are references only; the rest (63%) have abstracts or summaries. Of them 102 are in English, 98 in Portuguese, 95 in Spanish, 36 in French, and 3 in other languages.

The period of coverage indicated in the title is too long by a decade because of the inclusion of a report by Mantoux and Pautrier (*Lepra*, 1910) on an intradermal test made with Rost's "leprolin," which was a product very different from the one devised later by Mitsuda.

The document, the pages 8-1/2" × 12", is unfortunately unwieldy because it is held together only by two brass staples through holes in the margin. For library use the thing will of course be bound, but barring that one can readily do a useful sewing job after making two more holes, one near each end. Presumably copies can be obtained from the source, although no sale price is indicated. The address is Biblioteca, Departamento de Profilaxia da Lepra, Avenida Ademar de Barros 301, São Paulo, Brazil.—H. W. W.

Drum Call of Hope. By Gene Phillips Clemes. Published for the American Leprosy Missions, Inc., by Friendship Press, New York, 96 pp. Price: cloth, \$2.95; paper, \$1.50.

Drum Call of Hope is the dramatic story of African leprosy missions, illustrated with striking photographs.

In order to bring to American readers a full and authentic interpretation of leprosy missions the author, the American Leprosy Mission's public relations director, traveled for six months in Africa, visiting fifteen leprosy settlements in nine countries. A sensitive observer, she talked with doctors, nurses, and patients, finding her way to the heart of the nine poignant stories that make this book a stirring narrative.

Miss Clemes has a way with words, and the stories are all presented with dignity and sympathetic understanding, and not once is the odious word mentioned. It can be done!—[From *Carville Star*, March-April 1960.]