

Cultivation of *M. leprae*

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Chairman: R. J. W. Rees

Dr. Binford. Dr. Rees will now take the chair. You do not need any introduction to him. He has been with us at our previous meetings and is well known to all of you who are working with mycobacterial diseases. He comes from the National Institute for Medical Research at Mill Hill in London.

Dr. Rees. We are beginning another section on the cultivation problems with *M. leprae*, and are now getting deeper into the subject. It is a particularly great honor for me to introduce the first speaker, Dr.

Charles C. Shepard. He truly has contributed more significantly than anyone else to advancement in the scientific field of leprosy, since Hansen first recognized the leprosy bacillus, by demonstrating to the world that *M. leprae* can be cultivated in the foot pad of mice. Many of us now are following in Dr. Shepard's foot steps. Dr. Shepard is Chief of the Special Projects Unit, Virology Section, Communicable Disease Center, United States Public Health Service, Atlanta, Georgia. His subject is "Stability of *Mycobacterium leprae* and temperature optimum for growth."