

Epidemiology and Genetics

Chairman: P. E. Sartwell

Dr. Binford. We are now going into another phase of the program, genetics and the epidemiology of leprosy. We are pleased this morning that Dr. Philip E. Sartwell, Professor of Epidemiology at the Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health, who has long been interested in leprosy, and who is a consultant in epidemiology to the Leonard Wood Memorial, will be the chairman of this session.

Dr. Sartwell. We have five papers on

these subjects this morning, with adequate periods for discussion. The first is by Dr. Ruperto Huerta. I first met Dr. Huerta at a seminar on leprosy in Cuernavaca. I learned very quickly that he knew exactly what the role of epidemiology should be, and exactly what was needed in the way of a presentation. Dr. Huerta, who is the Chief of the Communicable Disease Branch of the Pan American Health Organization, will speak on basic epidemiology in leprosy and adequacy and validity of data.