number of trainees has not been large, but it is believed that the ultimate impact on future research on leprosy and other mycobacterial diseases will be great.

RETIREMENT OF C. I. CROWTHER AND APPOINTMENT OF D. V. WILSON AS PRESIDENT OF THE MEMORIAL.

On 31 December 1966, Mr. Cyril I. Crowther, who had been President of the Memorial since July 1958 (see page 276), retired from his position, but continued his interest as a member of the Board of Trustees. During his term of office the income of the Memorial had increased notably. Annual expenditures advanced from $255,000 to $552,000, with accompanying augmentation of the scientific program and increase in the Memorial's research staff. Numerous improvements and new procedures in administration were put into effect (Fig. 33).

Concomitant with his retirement was that of Miss Marcella Fox (Mrs. Louis Paladino), who had served for twenty years in the LWM New York office. Starting as secretary and bookkeeper she soon gathered numerous additional responsibilities. In her later years in the office she carried the title of Assistant Treasurer of the Memorial.

In Mr. Crowther's place, to take office on 1 January 1967, the Board of Trustees elected Mr. Donald V. Wilson, who had been Secretary-General for the past 16 years of the International Society for Rehabilitation of the Disabled, an organization of wide scope that included leprosy as one of the deforming diseases among its projects. Mr. Wilson, a graduate in law from Western Reserve University, with long experience in social service and a master's degree in that subject from the University of Chicago, brought to the Memorial a concept of leprosy gained by his lengthy association with programs to rehabilitate victims of the disease. The appointment was timely in the light of world-wide increasing emphasis on research on the prevention and treatment of the disabilities to which leprosy patients were subject. Mr. Wilson was introduced to the Advisory Medical Board by the retiring president, Mr. C. I. Crowther at an interim meeting of the Board on 17 December 1966 (Fig. 34).

RETROSPECT

As these lines are written the Leonard Wood Memorial is entering upon its 40th year. During the four decades of its existence, under the administrative direction of two presidents and three medical directors, it has followed the course set by its founders, with primary emphasis on research that will add steadily to knowledge of leprosy, and help, in the long run, in measures leading to its control, and ultimately, it is to be hoped, to its eradication.

Within that course, certain continuous threads are readily apparent. The Memorial's program of research has been
made up of long continued studies on the epidemiology and transmission of leprosy, investigations of the value of varying forms of treatment of the disease, and intensive studies of its natural history, including investigations of its etiologic agent, and attempts to cultivate it artificially, and transmit it to laboratory animals. Investigations in these fields are highly sophisticated today as compared with the less precisely oriented studies of 40 years ago, and yet not different in their character and purpose.

An important element in the research program, also within the general plan at the start, has been the training of experts for research on leprosy in the future. Without provision for the continuation of research in the future, the value of research in the past might well be lost.

One other vital element in the Memorial's program is worthy of note as a closing reflection. Research, for its maximum value, demands cooperation and communication. The Leonard Wood Memorial has played a part in which it can take some pride in the advancement of research on an international basis. The foregoing pages indicate its close relations with the International Leprosy Association and the important part it has played in the publication and continuity of the ILA's official journal the International Journal of Leprosy. There is reason to believe that this collaborative effort has been a force of no small proportion in the total effort for the conquest of leprosy.

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Important Dates and Events in the Scientific Program of the Leonard Wood Memorial

APPENDIX I

Dates and Events in the Scientific Program of the Leonard Wood Memorial

1865: Leonard Wood Memorial for the classification of the basic differences between the types of leprosy and the classification of forms of leprosy. The first meeting of the Advisory Medical Board was held on March 10, 1928.

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