

NEWS and NOTES

This department furnishes information concerning institutions, organizations, and individuals engaged in work on leprosy and other mycobacterial diseases, and makes note of scientific meetings and other matters of interest.

1971 Damien-Dutton Award

Dr. Chapman H. Binford, widely known pathologist, A.F.I.P. Registrar of leprosy and Medical Director of the Leonard Wood Memorial was presented the 1971 Damien-Dutton Award by the Hon. Edw. J. Patten (D-NJ) and Howard Crouch, Director of the Domien-Dutton Society at the U.S.A. Capitol. Distinguished guests attending the ceremony and the Cosmos Club luncheon included Surgeon Generals from the U.S. Army, Air Force, U.S. Public Health; Directors and representatives from the National Institute of Health, the Armed Forces Inst. of Pathology, the President's Committee for Physically Handicapped, and Pan American Health Organization. Likewise, Dr. Jack Millar and a large delegation from the Leonard Wood Memorial, Dr. Cristino Lazatin, Scientific Attache, Philippine Embassy; Fr. John Furniss, Dir., Jesuit Seminary and Mission Guild; Dr. Oliver Hasselblad, Pres., American Leprosy Missions; Henrietta Morris, and Don Wilson, Deputy Dir. International Offices, Goodwill Industries.—(*Damien-Dutton Call*)

Not only has Dr. Binford long been active in leprosy research and in promoting interest in leprosy around the world, but he has also had a long time interest in this JOURNAL. At present he serves as Chairman of the Finance Committee for this JOURNAL and as Executive Director of the Board of Directors of this JOURNAL. The JOURNAL staff is thus well aware of how richly he deserves this honor, and we congratulate him most heartily.—(Editor).

England. *The Rev. C. M. Lloyd* retired, April 1971, after 24 years of varied service with The Leprosy Mission. He joined the staff in 1947 on release from his Army chaplaincy duties overseas and served on the deputation staff of the Mission in the North of England until 1955. He was then appointed as the Mission's representative in Korea, where he spent nine years, during which he was instrumental in building a leprosy hospital in association with the University Hospital, Taegu, which now serves as a base for the Mission's work in Korea, in establishing a chain of out-patient clinics for domiciliary treatment, and in helping to improve conditions in many leprosy villages in the country. Following this, Mr. Lloyd completed a two year term in India where he worked to encourage the National Church to take more responsibility in supporting leprosy centers. The time he spent

in Calcutta, Bombay and Madras resulted in greater interest and support for the Mission.

For the past three years Mr. Lloyd has brought this wide experience of work on the field and at home, to the position of Secretary for England and Wales. In all this work he has been ably supported by his wife. Mr. Lloyd continues to serve in his retirement as an Associate Secretary in Bournemouth.—(Adapted from *Without the Camp*, No. 298, April-June 1971, 33)

France. *ELEP.* The Co-ordinating Bureau of "ELEP" edited by the European Federation of Anti-Leprosy Associations, will be transferred from 1 July 1971 to the following address: 4, rue Saint-Geoffrey, F 80 Amiens (France). Tel.: 22/92.45.98. Please send all correspondence to the above address.

Hong Kong. *The Reverend James Waddell*, who retired as Secretary for the Far East of the Leprosy Mission in 1971, was sent to China in 1932 as a member of staff of the then Foreign Missions Committee of the Presbyterian Church of England. His first work was in the Swatow area (East Kwangtung). He was then appointed to Swabui (between Swatow and Hong Kong), where he worked during the war years and until the time when missionaries left China in 1949-50.

During 1952, while still on the staff of the Foreign Missions Committee of the Presbyterian Church of England, he was seconded to Malaya as emergency officer in the new villages under formation by the government.

In 1958 he joined the staff of The Leprosy Mission as Administrative Superintendent of the Hay Ling Chau Leprosarium, Hong Kong and in 1962 was appointed Secretary for the Far East. With his wide experience in the Far East, Mr. Waddell has given valuable help in recent years in the development of the work in Thailand and in maintaining contacts in other areas, including Malaysia.—(Adapted from *Without the Camp*, No. 298, April-June 1971, 33).

India. *Tata Industries.* Due to the fact that there appears to be widespread economic discrimination against those known to have leprosy and even those cured, many ex-leprosy patients are finding that employer prejudices are preventing them from finding jobs. An outstanding exception to this pattern is the industrial concern of Tata Services, Ltd. Tata's Chief Industrial Health Officer, Dr. P. V. Thacker, in a report entitled "The Problems of Leprosy Affected Employees" describes Tata's methods of dealing with the problem of leprosy patients and their program of employment of ex-leprosy workers and monetary help during the patient's inability to work. After the worker resumes employment at Tata, his case is followed for three to four years to insure the continuation of treatment and non-infection.—(ALM News)

U.S.A. *Damien-Dutton Society, New Brunswick.* Just three months after beginning of its expansion drive, the Damien-Dutton Society for Leprosy Aid added 2,000 new members. Howard Crouch, the Founder-Director of the Society commented on the success of the drive: "We've come a long, long way since we began, 26 years ago, in a small cellar with a handful of friends who shared my dream. I am confident that we are now facing the long awaited breakthrough."—(*Damien-Dutton Call*)

Dr. Oliver Hasselblad, President of American Leprosy Missions, by invitation of the Ministry of Health of Viet Nam, will be serving as a consultant in leprosy and working closely with Dr. Tran Quy Nhu, Director of the National Leprosy Control Service. Dr. Hasselblad's assignment begins November 7 with a minimum of four months at which time he will implement the recommendations he made to the Ministry of Health following his 1970 survey of leprosy needs and resources of Viet Nam.

Psychosocial Study of Leprosy. The School of Social Welfare of Louisiana State University recently published a research study supported by the Social and Rehabilitation Services of the Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare in cooperation with the US Public Health Service. Incorporating three years of work of some 30 experts under the direction of H. E. Chesteen, project director, and R. H. Rolston, research director, this 227 page report is entitled "The Identification of Psychosocial Factors Related to the Rehabilitation of Leprosy Patients." Over 250 patients were interviewed along with case records of 2000 patients hospitalized at Carville over the past 49 years being analyzed for vital statistics. The study found that a man with leprosy had less chance of being hired than one with various other handicapping diseases of equal disabilities. Especially when the disease was referred to as "leprosy" but it appeared to be of a lesser degree when the terminology used was "Hansen's disease" or "bacterial neurodermatitis."—(ALM News)