

IV. CULTIVATION OF THE LEPROSY BACILLUS
REPORT OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON *IN VITRO* CULTIVATION
OF *M. LEPRÆ*

MAJORITY REPORT

The majority of the subcommittee appreciate that much work has been done on the artificial cultivation of Hansen's bacillus. The fact that results reported by various individuals or groups of workers have not, in the majority of instances, been duplicated by others, although many attempts have been made with this end in view, leads to the opinion that the problems of the *in vitro* growth of the causative agent of leprosy have not yet been solved satisfactorily. The committee highly commends the work of all who have labored in this field and heartily recommends that research along this line be continued.

(Signed) H. E. Hasseltine (*Chairman*)
Malcolm H. Soule
K. E. Birkhaug

MINORITY REPORT

It is the opinion of the undersigned that the causative organism of leprosy has been cultivated by Prof. W. Kedrowsky and a few other research workers. It is urged that investigators in this field be encouraged to continue in the furrow already ploughed, and on the other hand, to seek for new ways, but always to carry on without preconceived ideas about the strict acid-fastness of the different bacterial forms occurring in leprosy material which are, in my opinion, only broken down stages of one and the same lower fungus.

(Signed) John Reenstierna
