

REVIEW.

THE British Empire Leprosy Relief Association publish quarterly a journal called *Leprosy Notes*, the second issue of which appeared in July, 1928. The object of the Association is "To rid the Empire of Leprosy," and the journal contains much interesting information.

In this country it is difficult to appreciate how widespread throughout the world is leprosy and the work that is being done in various parts of the Empire. Although there is no absolute specific to cure the disease it can no longer be considered hopeless and incurable and there are many interesting articles in the journal describing different colonies and methods of treatment and prevention.

The Association itself was formed five years ago and leprosy work is now being organized in every part of the Empire where the disease is present.

CORRESPONDENCE.

SIR,—I have read with interest the case of a patient described under "Round the Wards" in the July issue of the POST-GRADUATE JOURNAL.

In my experience old tuberculosis is very liable to break out in a smouldering form many years after the original infection.

From the description of this case I cannot see why the diagnosis of neoplasm or the very rare condition syphilis of lung should be considered in place of the more likely diagnosis, chronic fibroid tuberculosis.

The X-ray evidence shows a dark shadow, but could not this be thickened pleura and fibrosis, which is almost universally present in this type of tuberculosis?

With regard to the absence of tubercle bacilli, I think but little importance can be attached to this.

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

M. D.

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