In the Bengal Presidency during the second week of April, 1,300 deaths occurred from plague, including 1,168 in Patna, but exclusive of 465 in Calcutta.

In the Mysore Provinces the indigenous cases of plague show a tendency to increase. Since the commencement of the first epidemic until April 16th, 1900, 25,811 cases of plague occurred in the Mysore Provinces, and 20,880 deaths from the disease. The numbers are all the more astonishing as this district has never been considered to have been afflicted by plague to so marked an extent as many other districts of India.

ADEN.

Plague continues to keep its hold on Aden: as many as 73 deaths occurred there during the week ending April 14th. We are without information as to the prevalence of plague in the hinterland of Aden. Although sparsely populated, an investigation of this subject would be of the highest importance, as there seems to be some justification for the belief that Arabia is widely infected by plague, and it is only by the utmost watchfulness on the part of the Egyptian authorities that plague was discovered at various ports of the Red Sea eastern littoral.

EGYPT.

On May 2nd 5 suspected cases of plague were reported at Port Said and the diagnosis of the disease being plague has been fully corroborated. Three of those attacked were Greeks and 2 natives. Up to May 6th 8 cases of plague and 4 deaths from the disease were reported to have occurred at Port Said. It is satisfactory, however, to note that since May 4th no fresh case has been notified. The energetic measures taken by the sanitary administration will, it is hoped, stamp out the disease, and that it will be prevented spreading to other towns in Egypt. With the result of the work of the sanitary authorities during the Alexandrian outbreak before us, we have every confidence that the situation will be successfully dealt with. Port Said has been declared an infected port by the Gibraltar and other authorities.

From Suakin 3 cases of plague are announced, and it would seem as though the towns bordering on the Red Sea were widely infected by plague; this must be regarded as a very serious state of affairs considering the enormous pilgrim traffic continually carried on in this part of the world.

AUSTRALIA.

The number of plague cases in Sydney is diminishing, and it is to be hoped the spread is checked. The authorities have taken stringent steps in dealing with the disease. Every ship entering Sydney from an infected country is inspected, and the rats on board destroyed. Also all rats in stores, warehouses, and all public buildings are to be destroyed, and their bodies burned, and a reward offered for the bodies of rats captured.

MAURITIUS.

No death from plague occurred in Mauritius during the week ending May 3rd, but there was 1 fresh case.

SOUTH AMERICA.

The Paraguayan Government has notified the foreign Consuls that plague is completely extinct within the territory of the Republic.

THE R.A.M.C. SOUTH AFRICA FUND.

CONTRIBUTIONS or donations are requested towards the success of the R.A.M.C. Stall at the National Bazaar to be held at the Royal Palace Hotel, Kensington, W., on the 24th, 25th, and 26th May, 1900. The contributions or donations may be sent to the Honorary Secretary, Mrs. Frank Howard, 28, Cathcart Road, South Kensington. The National Bazaar is to be held in aid of the sufferers by the war, and there will be about seventy stalls representing the various regiments and corps at the front. The President and Vice-Presidents of the R.A.M.C. Stall are as follows:—President, the Lady Wantage; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Jameson, Mrs. W. Taylor, Mrs. Preston, Mrs. O'Dwyer, Mrs. Cuffe, Mrs. Skey-Muir, Mrs. W. D. Wilson, Mrs. Evatt, Lady Alice Ashley, Lady Jane Cole, Lady Mac Cormac, Mrs. Church, Lady Hanbury, Mrs. Cole Reade, Mrs. Butler Hamilton, Mrs. E. M. Sinclair.

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We have also received, per Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel J. E. Squire, V.M.S.C., £10 10s. from the Officers' Mess, London Companies Volunteer Medical Staff Corps; per Dr. C. Seymour Dowdell, £2 from the members of the Ilford Medical Society; per Mr. C. T. Quiller (London) 10s. 6d. from Dr. Stocks, and per Dr. T. A. Helme (Manchester) 6s. 6d. from Dr. J. T. Marsden (Darwen).

The amount received for the Half-Crown Fund, up to and including Wednesday, May 9th, by the Editor, is £528 8s. 9d. Cheques and postal orders for the Half-Crown Subscription List, sent to the Editor of the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, should be made payable to the "R.A.M.C. South Africa Fund," and crossed "Holt and Co."

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The Council of the British Medical Association desires to remind members of the profession engaged in researches for the advancement of medicine and the allied sciences that it is prepared to receive applications for grants in aid of such research. Applications for sums to be granted at the next annual meeting must include details of the precise character and objects of the research which is proposed, and must be made on or before June 15th in writing addressed to the General Secretary, at the office of the Association, 429, Strand, W.C.

Reports of work done by the assistance of the Association grants belong to the Association.

RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS.

The Council of the British Medical Association is prepared to receive applications for two of the three Research Scholarships which are vacant, each of the value of £150 per annum, tenable for one year, and subject to renewal by the Council for another year.

Forms of application for the scholarships can be obtained from the General Secretary.

FRANCIS FOWKE, General Secretary.

429, Strand, May 10th, 1900.

LEPROSY IN THE UNITED STATES.—According to the New York Tribune, Dr. Albert S. Ashmead, of New York, and Father L. W. Mulhaney, of Ohio, have drafted a National Leper Law for the suppression and prevention of leprosy in the United States. This Bill, after calling attention to the evident spread of leprosy in every country where isolation is not practised, provides for a square mile to be set aside for a National Leper Home, either in Yellowstone Park or in some other dry climate antagonistic to the life of the leper bacillus. Buildings are provided for in the Bill for the use of the patients, and provision is made only for voluntary submission to the care of the Government. The Bill also provides that lepers shall in future be prevented from entering the United States.