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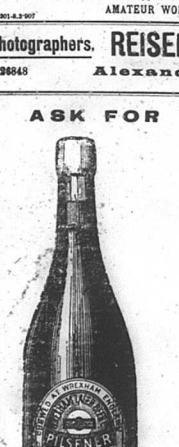

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During 24 hours ending 8 a.m.	Max. Temp. in the shade...	22.5
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	Humidity of the air ...	78
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MALARIA CURSE IN GREECE.

A paper on Malaria in Greece was read on Friday week before the Oxford Medical Society by Major Ronald Ross, F.R.S., Professor of Tropical Medicine in the University of Liverpool. Dr. Osler, Regius Professor of Medicine at Oxford, presided, and there was a large and distinguished audience.

After referring to the general physiography of Greece, Professor Ross described the valley of Lake Kopais in Bœotis, which was the scene of his recent study of malaria in Greece. The locality, he said, was the dried-up bed of a large lake which had been drained in remote times by the neighbouring inhabitants. In the Middle Ages the drainage works fell out of repair and the area became a marsh. Recently its restoration was taken in hand by a French company, which had subsequently given place to the Lake Kopais Company, a British concern. The bed of the ancient lake was now a great plain covered with crops of all kinds, but malaria was so destructive there that the company lately commissioned him to investigate it, with a view to the adoption of preventive measures. He began by examining the inhabitants of the villages which stand on the margin of the plain, for the purpose of estimating the prevalence of the disease. This was done by ascertaining the proportion of those having enlarged spleens and those in whose blood the parasite is found out of a given number. Children, who are more affected than adults, were chiefly examined. The result of investigating five localities, including Thebes, now a town of about 5,000 inhabitants, was to establish a *minimum* malaria rate among children of between 25.5 per cent. and 40.9 per cent. In the worst places examined all the children, in Professor Ross's opinion, would probably be found infected in the autumn. Most of them were far from well and some looked miserably ill, emaciated, and anæmic. He has obtained the following approximate statistics for the whole of Greece:—Population, 2,433,806; average annual number of cases, 250,000; average annual number of deaths, 1,750; cases during 1905, 960,018; deaths during 1905, 5,916. The type of disease was severe; pernicious attacks were very common, and the most serious form, known as blackwater fever, was extremely common. In some children the splenic enlargement was enormous. He considered the disease extremely, if not shockingly, rife in the country—much more so even than in Italy. According to statistics prepared by Dr. Savas, the number of cases and deaths was half again as large as in Italy for equal numbers of people. What must be the effect of this ubiquitous and constant incubus of disease on the people of modern Greece? The malady was essentially one of infancy among the native population. Infecting the child one or two years after birth, it persecuted him until puberty with a long succession of febrile attacks accompanied by much splenomegaly and anæmia. What would be the effect upon our population if to the ordinary transient fevers were added a malady which sats for years and may sometimes attack every child in a village? Passing on to consider the political, economical, and historical significance of malaria, Professor Ross pointed out that it must have existed in Greece ever since the time of Hippocrates about 400 B.C. He suggested that it had been introduced by Asiatic and African slaves and had fallen like a blight on the populous, vigorous, and highly-civilized land of Greece, gradually sapping away the energies of the race by attacking the rural population. He was confident that causes such as malaria, dysentery, and intestinal entozoa must have modified history to a much greater extent than we conceived. He attributed the lack of population, the backwardness, and poverty of modern Greece to the same cause. Its reputation for unhealthiness kept travellers away, the innkeeper hesitated about spending his capital in a locality where he and his children might expect to be frequently ill; and there were no country houses. The whole life of Greece must suffer from this weight which crushed its rural population. When the children suffered so much, how could the country create that fresh blood which keeps a nation young? But for a hamlet here and there, the famous and once populous valleys of Greece were deserted. He doubted if it was the Turk who had done that, and thought it was very largely the malaria. He concluded by discussing the remedy. Of the several ways of dealing with malaria the one he preferred was the old Roman plan of drainage, with this important advantage that they had not to drain the whole surface but only the small pools in which the anophelines bred. It was especially applicable to Greece. The rainy season was the winter when the mosquitoes do not breed; in the arid summer they could find only few suitable breeding pools, which could be rendered uninhabitable to the larvæ by drainage, filling up, deepening, dragging the weeds, and, in the last resort, by periodic oiling. 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