Memoirs: with a Full Account of the Great Malaria Problem and its Solution.

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Abstract: Of factors leading to a just appreciation of Ross's great work on following seem salient.
A first recollection, his father apparently dying from fever in a scorching Indian plain; at sixteen, equal first in Drawing for all England in the Oxford and Cambridge locals; his wish to become an artist overruled; a medical course begun at Barts, and resolving itself into...
writing poetry, enthusiastic piano study, and such medical work as would enable him to enter the Indian Medical Service, and thereafter discard medicine for art with the least possible delay; on reaching India, in 1881, a world-course in poetry begun, Italian, French and German being learnt as necessary preliminaries; mathematics enthusiastically studied; several shorthand systems devised; the violin learnt; plays, a novel written; and his first leave taken in 1888, worn out, depressed, and felt the brim as the years had been, that he had nevertheless neglected his duty as a medical man. A return from leave with the D.P.H. and a box of bacterial cultures, the latter useless since he was at once ordered to Burma on the Chin-Lnshai Expedition; the opportunity taken to study mosquitoes, resulting in the distinguishing of Culex and Stegomyia the terms "grey" and "brindled"; on demobilization his time divided between the Greek and Latin languages and reading their verse, writing poetry himself, and searching for LAVERAN'S bodies, then known for ten years. These, owing to faulty technique, he did not find, was naturally sceptical of their existence, and in four papers pointed out that bodies which others in India were identifying as such were normal blood constituents. Such are the antecedents which lead to his great work.

Arrived in England, in March 1894, KANTHACK immediately assured him that LAVERAN'S discovery was sound, referring him to MANSON, who showed him crescents. Thus began a pregnant, fruitful intercourse.

Although aware of LAVERAN'S suggestion that mosquitoes perhaps carry malaria, Ross was immensely impressed by MANSON'S conclusions that the swelling and exflagellation of the crescent, occurring only at an interval after extraction, were inferential struggles, as certain Italians held, but of a phase of life history occurring in the mosquito; and he left for India, after winning the Parkes Memorial Prize on Malaria, determined to test MANSON'S hypothesis (which held further that the parasite returned to man through drinking water), after urging MANSON to test it himself. He started work knowing nothing of the zoological classifications, and little of the anatomy, of mosquitoes. In May the lid between Secunderabad and the Inferno wears uncommonly thin, yet Ross drove indefatigably over it at all hours, from hospital to hospital several miles apart, in search of crescent cases; found that he could get mosquitoes to bite by wetting the air; and proved that crescents flagellate far more readily in the stomach of "grey" and "brindled" mosquitoes than in blood from a finger. The mosquito's stomach was, then, the natural locus for exflagellation, and these facts were the first evidence of the correctness of MANSON'S hypothesis. But what became of the flagella, which he held to be the next stage. Could they develop into the gregarines found in the pupa and imago? Two and a half months' work showed that this could scarcely be so, since the gregarine life history so discovered was complete in itself. A flagellum was actually watched attempting for a considerable time to enter leukocytes, but the significance of the act was missed. Official duty then made its first and almost complete break in his malarial work, he t
to reduce to reasonable decency the disgusting sanitary state of the Bangalore
Municipality, a task into which he threw himself with all his wonted energy, as
the Resident noted, by reason of the zeal, thoroughness and tact displayed
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capable officer could have been selected. Of this experience Ross wrote,
We cry " God make us Kings,
Poets and Prophets here! "
The scornful Answer rings
" First be My Scavenger."
He now swallowed, without ill-effects, large numbers of mosquito grcgarines, and on Way
27, 1896, wrote to MANSON, " The belief is growing on me that the disease
communicated by the bite of the mosquito. What do you think? " MANSON d
the grounds, erroneous as we now know, that the mosquito bites but once
Ross showed, by pricking the finger under vaselin, that exflagellation was n
spasm, since, under these conditions, the crescent died without exflagellati
On leaving Bangalore his application, backed by MANSOX, and by SnnnoKHC
respectively Surgeon General and Sanitar \textit{y} Commissioner of Madras, to be 
special duty for the investigation of malaria, was refused; so he sought, and
obtained, two months' leave to study it himself. Here he saw, at Sigur Ghat, Anopheles,
though he did not know it by that name till after he had proved i
discovered that the number ana" kind of mosquitoes haunting houses is no
of the general mosquito population of any locality. Extension of leave to study
refused and he was ordered summarily to Scunderabad instead of to the malarious spot
he would have chosen. Yet, as he wrote,
" .... where we cannot choose
The crown of life is set."
He determined that his investigation should now take the form of feeding m
malarial blood and searching every part of their bodies for any evidence of p
There occurred repeated failures to infect " grey " and " brindled " mosquitoes
human malaria. Almost on one and the same day he found in his hospital th
Anopheles he had ever seen, that is he recognized it as akin to the dapple Ghat insect, and one of his three collectors, paid of course by himself, brou
from which there also emerged mosquitoes of the same type, probably A. s
They were duly fed, and four days later, on August 20, 1895, tired, in gre
from the dreadful weather, discouraged because none of the new mosquitoes sho
shown anything which he had not already seen in thousands of "grey" and
forms already dissected, having examined all the body tissues of yet another
nothing, he, reluctantly, and as a matter of duty, went over the separated s
before him lay cells, 12µ, in diameter, too circular, too sharply outlined and t
the familiar stomach cells, and above all pigmented, and with that quality of
the crescents have. Next day, in the last mosquito of that batch, there were
smaller, but larger. Having verified this infection and this growth in three other
controls throughout being free from infection, he reported on September 15 to
the Director General—through the usual official channels—"The cells are, in my opinion,
probably the long-sought alternative form of the parasite of malaria in the mosquito.

On September 27th he was stunned by receipt—through the usual official channnels—to proceed to Bombay. This second complete break in his investigation
resolved itself into banishment to a non-malarious locality, terminated four months later
by active intervention of MAXSON and FAYRER, by transfer to Calcutta on special
investigation of malaria and kala azar, with headquarters in Calcutta.

MANSON wrote to him at this time regarding MACCALLUM's observations: "If the
polymitus is a fertilising factor in the halteridium cycle, the ilagellated body of malaria
is also a fertilising factor in the Plasmodium cycle. And if this is the case, and the five
crescent-derived sphere becomes transmuted into a travelling-cell-piercing vermule in
the stomach of the mosquito, we have the explanation of the pigment in your
stomach cells." Since Ross could get no suitable crescent carrier in Calcutta he switched
temporarily to the related Proteosoma, satisfied that the same life cycle must hold for
both. First was entailed the easy controversion of GRASSI'S statement that mosquitoes
do not bite birds. Then followed the demonstration that just as Plasmodium appears
and grows in Anopheles, so do the oocysts of Proteosoma and grow in Culex, reaching in six days, at the temperature at which Ross worked, their
maximum size; and thereafter bursting. Since he had to report on malaria and kala azar
in six months, since he could get no suitable malarial cases in Calcutta, and since both malaria and kala azar were to be found in the Darjeeling Terai, Ross, after official permission obtained, moved thither. Neither at Punkabari nor Naxalbari, places which, as a four years'
personal experience convinces one, he would, a few weeks later, have found saturated
with malaria, could he find suitable malaria cases in man, nor Proteosoma infection in
sparrows. Moreover, his activities, giving opportunity to a skilfully engineered plague
scare, depopulated two tea gardens, and he, perforce, returned to Calcutta with six
precious months wasted. Three weeks later he had infected fresh mosquitoes. Then
he showed successively, by using a concentrated in place of a weak saline solution for
dissection, that the oocysts contained sporozo'its; that the bursting of the latter threw the former into the coelom; that the latter were broadcasted in the circulation,
collected in the thorax more numerously than in the abdomen, appeared in glands,
hitherto unknown to Ross, whose ducts he traced to the proboscis and whose function rightly deemed to be "salivary." The inference was that infection occurred with feeding.
The final proof lay in permitting mosquitoes to bite three sparrows proved healthy by
several examinations. All became most heavily infected, ten controls remaining uninfested. He wrote to MANSON on 9th July, 1898: "One single experiment
crescents (there are numerous dapple-winged mosquitoes here now) will bring human malaria into line with Proteosoma. They are sure to be the same. I ought to do it in two months; it has taken me only one to work out the germinal rod cycle. I won the race against time and accordingly obtained an extension of the period of special duty, but it was not to be devoted to the consummation of the study of malaria, so thoroughly his due. After a short holiday, forced on him because he had ceased to sleep, he was ordered to Assam to investigate kala azar. Thus occurred the and irretrievable, interruption to his work, and this consummation fell to Italians. Ross details the evidence which convinces him that they were well acquainted with *Proteosoma,* and writes bitterly of their refusal to acknowledge any indebtedness to him when they demonstrated the life cycle of *Plasmodium,* which attitude of the imply that, just as they hold that for *Hymenolepis* the life history varies completely within the genus, so for *Plasmodium* is the life history of the allied *Proteosoma* no closer than that in reaching it they steered an uncharted ocean. The reader will either give them both ways or no way, according to his biological knowledge and convictions. The words, with which the Nobel prize was conferred on Ross in 1902, suffice: "By your discoveries you have revealed the mysteries of malaria."

Such was Ross's great achievement—worked out at his own expense and, even the final period of special duty, in addition to his official work—attained in the teeth of difficulties, happily, one hopes, incapable of recurrence in India, and which would have smashed a lesser man, or one with less determined supporters. The mental picture which the perusal of the history of this part of Ross's life leaves on one who has never met him, is that of an inflexible determination driving a versatile and variety-loving ability along its narrow chosen channel.

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cafe - 10-15% of the bill only for waiter services; in the taxi - tips are included in the fare, however, the crime poisonous drops Graben.
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