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REPORT.

The ACTING CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE ADMINISTRATOR.

I HAVE the honour to submit the annual report of the Department of Health for the year ended 31st March, 1928.

ERNEST HUNT,
Acting Chief Medical Officer.

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Early in 1928 the Health Department sustained a great loss by the retirement, through ill health, of Dr. T. Russell Ritchie, for more than four years the Chief Medical Officer for the Territory. It is with great regret that Dr. Ritchie's resignation was accepted by the Government, a regret which is shared by all who knew him and his work. There can be no doubt that the Health Department, and through it the Native population of Western Samoa, owes a very great debt to Dr. Ritchie,