

## THE TREND TO DDS

## TO THE EDITOR:

Referring to the editorial on "The trend to DDS" in the third issue of THE JOURNAL last year [19 (1951) 344-349] it is stated on page 348, in discussing the availability of DDS, "It appears that it is also put out by the Bengal Immunity Co. of Calcutta as Diphone." I may say that it is also put out by Bengal Chemical and Pharmaceutical Works, Calcutta. At the time when my paper on "The present status of sulphones in the treatment of leprosy" was written that firm was preparing DDS to be used as the starting point for preparing Novotrone, which is similar to Sulphetrone, and were not marketing DDS as such. Since then, however, they have been selling it under the name of "Novophone."

DDS is also marketed in France by the Grimault Laboratories under the name of "Sulfadione," and by Biddle Sawyer & Co. (India) Ltd. under the name of "Croysulphone."

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