

CORRECTION

TO THE EDITOR:

Your editorial in the fourth issue of THE JOURNAL last year, page 518, item (b), second paragraph, contains an error which completely distorts my view concerning the reactional tuberculoid condition. It is stated that it is recognized as a distinct variety in my "third division of the T type, although it is called 'borderline'."

I have never confused "borderline" leprosy with the reaction state in tuberculoid leprosy. In my opinion, "borderline" leprosy is an evolutive stage of tuberculoid leprosy and should be classed as a separate variety. On the contrary, the state of reaction should not be considered as a variety; it represents an episode which may occur in certain forms of the disease. In lepromatous leprosy, correctly, the reaction state is not inter-

preted as a variety of that form. It is then not logical to view the matter differently for tuberculoid leprosy.

It would be well also to point out that in the original of my scheme "borderline" leprosy is placed after major tuberculoid leprosy, and that you placed it in the "indeterminate" column only to save space.

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