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THE THICK DROP METHOD

To the EDITOR:

In view of recent interest shown in the matter we have been trying the thick drop method of blood examination on our cases at the Coast Hospital. We find the bacilli regularly in the blood of cutaneous cases, but so far not in the neural cases. Dr. Sawers of the School of Tropical Medicine has been interesting himself in this and has been coming out with me to the lazaret on Saturday mornings.

We have not a sufficient number to make our experience of great value, as there are only 27 cases under observation, but so far it appears as if this method will give as many positive results in cutaneous cases as any other. However, from our experience in all but active cutaneous cases the suggestion that it might be useful in detecting contacts does not seem to be likely of fulfilment.

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