I would be glad to receive the opinions of readers on the above points and their views regarding any other improvements that might be introduced.

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I am, etc.,
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ATEBRIN AND MALARIA.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "JOURNAL OF THE ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS."

SIR,—Regarding the correspondence on the above subject I think it would be more in keeping with the traditions of our Journal if these questions were discussed more calmly than has recently been the case. I have frequently seen statements in articles and letters in the Journal which would lend themselves to trenchant criticism—but the Journal is a medium for the discussion of questions of medical interest, not for the forced imposition of individual opinions which may or may not be acceptable to clear thinking persons.

In discussions on the best treatments for malaria it must be remembered that what may suit the relatively benign strains of parasite in India may fail elsewhere. The provisional figures from India as published in Colonel Amy's letter are strikingly good and he deserves the congratulations of everyone—these congratulations would be the more unreserved but for the recent issue of a circular by the Government of India embodying the work of an officer of wide experience in malaria. This officer writes, "It is my considered opinion that these" (hospital returns) "are inaccurate by about 25 per cent, and that the error regrettably is an understatement of the incidence of malaria." I sincerely hope that this is not the case, but wherever the truth may lie between opposing opinions—the truth is the only thing that matters.

I am, etc.,
J. Heatly-Spencer,
Colonel.
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