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Dr. Victor G. Heiser,
Director for the East,
International Health Board,
New York City.

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Dear Doctor Heiser:

Here at Manantoddy there are four small estates which we will work. This week we treated about all the coolies on one division of the largest estate. The intense monsoon rains greatly interfere with all forms of enterprise. The coolie is never dry from the beginning to the end of the monsoon. At times they refuse to do any estate work for days on account of the heavy rains, and hundreds have bolted from the estates. The constant rains and cold together with the omnipresent malaria and hookworm disease have placed the coolies in a most deplorable state. They react badly to moderate dosages of thymol and cathartic. These I have been compelled to reduce to a minimum. The coolies are given to us for treatment in groups of fifty or sixty. The treatments are administered in a thatched hut erected for the purpose. To keep the coolies in as pleasant frame of mind as possible during treatment, we have introduced the phonograph. Between doses we provide music from records in the vernaculars. Some mornings with a mixed crowd we have songs sung in three or four languages. At the end of treatment each coolie is given a large bowl of hot rice congee or gruel, and also receives his wage for the day of treatment. We are doing everything to help the coolie.

Respectfully yours,

George P. Paul
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