

unusual. The authors prefer benzyl benzoate to other treatments but insist that all members of the family and all sexual contacts should be treated even in the absence of overt lesions. Factors which encourage the spread of scabies are mass movements of population, depression and promiscuity. It is thought that pruritus and papulovesicular lesions are due to allergic hypersensitivity as the small number of mites does not account for the extent of lesions seen. Post-scabietic pruritus and eosinophilia also support this view. One explanation for the present spread of scabies might be due to the previous low degree of infestation and absence of an immune response. This would fit in with the present spread of the infestation in children. Infestation does not lead to true immunity but

is thought to produce a reactivity of the body giving rise to early symptoms when infected. *G. W. Csonka*

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Correction

In the paper by A. Forsgren, which appeared in the June issue of the journal (*Brit. J. vener. Dis.* (1972), **48**, 205), in the Table on p. 205, col. 1, row 11, for 36°C, please read 56°C.