

second week or upon the third or fourth examination. Only six of the total of fifty-one controlled cases showed old necrotic skin that had not yet completed exfoliation. Twelve cases remained that presented exfoliation not yet complete on distal end of toes, between toes, and which could not yet be classed as negative, although definite improvement was noted against the card showing a previous record of fissuring and weeping with incrustation.

Cases Classified Negative

Only after epidermis of afflicted parts appeared perfectly normal in color and texture was the case regarded negative.

Slant Cultures

Forty-four slant cultures were obtained for the purpose of substantiating the diagnosis of doubtful sub-acute cases. One slant culture was streaked with sterile platinum point and used as a control. Fourteen slant cultures were taken from acute cases that were under treatment. All proved negative for fungi but obtained bacterial growth on six diagnosed as Staphylococci-Aureus. Twenty-eight slant cultures were positive for fungi growth. Four samples were made in addition to those of the feet. The thread from the toe part of a pair of socks worn by one of the controlled patients presented fungus growth. The remaining three cultures taken were of the wooden drain boards and walk-ways inside and outside the shower rooms. These, as did the other cultures, produced fungus growth. The cooperation of all the individual controlled members was probably greater than it would ordinarily be, due to the fact that these cases sought relief from the discomforts of their affliction. The use of the