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ART. XII.—*On the use of Cod-Liver Oil Externally.* By. A. H. DAVID, M. D., Physician to St. Patrick's Hospital, Lecturer on Practice of Physic, St. Lawrence School of Medicine, Montreal,—Member of the Provincial Board of Examiners, &c.

“FEW remedies have of late been more extolled than cod-liver oil, and few, we may add, have caused so little disappointment as this valuable therapeutic agent. When it is considered how extensively it is used, it will be considered that it must be very effectual, since it is keeping its ground in a very remarkable manner, though employed in thousands of instances. According to all appearances, cod-liver oil is not one of those ephemeral remedies destined to shed a doubtful light for a very short time and be consigned to oblivion, but it is very likely to take rank in our pharmacopœia on the same footing as Quinine, Mercury, and Iodine.”—*London Lancet.*

The above paragraph is used in allusion to the efficacy of cod-liver oil in Phthisis, but the remarks I now intend offering are with the view of recommending it as a *local application* in various cutaneous affections, in which, after a trial of it in such cases for upwards of two years, I have found it to act almost specifically.

The first cases which I shall mention are those which are always of a very obstinate character, and which, before I used cod-liver as an application to them, I have often had to treat for months with every remedy that had been recommended and without success. I allude to Ringworm of the scalp, and having now used it in more than twenty cases, I can safely recommend it as a certain cure. It acts speedily, and some cases, that had resisted for weeks all other methods of treatment, were quite cured in four or five days. I have also used it in