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### RADIUM IN DERMATOLOGY

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Radiation in some form or other has formed a branch of therapeutics for some considerable time, X-ray treatment representing the earliest variety. The radio-active rays are now chiefly used, usually proceeding from radium itself, but occasionally from synthetic radio-active products, and the recent improvements in technique, both in simplicity and adaptability, have resulted in increased facility of application, and thus greatly added to the value and scope of this form of treatment. In estimating the value of radium treatment it should always be remembered that each case should be judged on its own merits, and careful consideration given to the variety of lesion present, its site, extent, and the greater or less susceptibility of the tissues to the action of the rays.

The employment of this method of treatment in dermatology dates from 1906, when the *Laboratoire Biologique du Radium* was established in Paris with the object of developing radium treatment, from a scientific, educative and philanthropic point of view. From this date onwards Wickham and Degrais carried on extensive inves-

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