

Hyoscine for the Morphine Disease.

Dr. R. C. Rosenberger reports an interesting history of a confirmed taker of morphine. The patient during eleven years had used the drug, and his regular dosage was from 30 to 60 grains a day. The immediate urgency for treatment was an acute maniacal attack. The morphine was withdrawn and $\frac{1}{100}$ grain doses of hyoscine hydrobromate administered every hour. After twenty-five days the patient made a complete recovery, and has remained free from the use of the drug for eleven months.—*Medical News*.

Mycosis Fungoides and Its Treatment by the X-rays.

Jamieson (*British Journal of Dermatology*) reports two new cases of this comparatively infrequent affection, in one of which quite remarkable results followed the prolonged use of the X-rays. This case began with the usual eczema-like patches, which were followed in time by tumors which ulcerated. Soon after coming under the author's care treatment with the X-rays was begun, the exposures lasting from three to five minutes, with a soft tube at a distance of four inches. This treatment resulted in a steady and continuous shrinkage of the tumors, although new lesions appeared in the parts not exposed to the rays. After sixty exposures, on as many different days, all the tumors had disappeared. Reaction sufficiently marked to require suspension of the treatment was at no time manifest. Not only did the tumors disappear, but the thickened patches were also removed, and with them the itching.—*American Journal of Medical Science*.

The Treatment of Lupus Erythematosus.

Hollander (*Berliner klinische Wochenschrift*) has employed the following method of treatment with very satisfactory results in the severest and most unfavorable cases of erythematosus lupus: Large doses of quinine are administered internally, and at the same time the diseased areas are treated locally by applications of tincture of iodine. After having ascertained that the patient has no idiosyncrasy in regard to this drug, a half-gramme of the sulphate or hydrochlorate of quinine is given three times a day, and five to ten minutes after each dose the affected parts are thoroughly painted with iodine. This is continued for five or six days; then the treatment is suspended for an equal period of time, until the crust produced by the iodine has fallen off. If the reaction is slight the dose of the quinine is increased. The result of this treatment is either a scar-like atrophy or a complete return of the skin to the normal, the latter occurring in the recent cases. In the majority of cases about 60 grammes of quinine are necessary to complete the cure.—*American Journal of Medical Science*.