

administration of either the one or the other, perhaps the less said about that the better. Certainly nothing effective can be done without drugs, and, whatever credit may be accorded to any medical practitioner, on the score of selection, the pharmacutists ought, in my judgment, to receive the first thanks. With infinite care and trouble they have succeeded in giving us some very choice and convenient preparations, and I do not think they have received that share of the credit which is their due in this respect. But, I repeat, the successful treatment of tapeworm is not a mere matter of the choice of anthelmintics, neither is it necessarily dependent upon the degree of drugging. The pharmacutists have executed their part of the business. so to speak, almost faultlessly ; but the practitioner's functions have for the most part been conducted in an incomplete manner, and therefore inefficiently to a greater extent than would otherwise have been the case. Without doubt, it would be unjust to maintain that perfect cures of tapeworm were rare ; nevertheless, I have before me absolute proof that, under the measures commonly employed, these cures are neither so frequent nor as rapid as they ought to be.

In my publication of the Lectures on Helminthology, delivered at the Medical College above mentioned, I have recorded upwards of forty cases of tapeworm. They were purposely unselected cases, in order to illustrate, not merely the comparative value of particular remedies, but also more particularly those points in the diagnosis, prognosis, and symptomatology which every physician ought to be familiar with. As in the present communication, I am chiefly concerned with the results of treatment (and especially as I have elsewhere, without the slightest reservation, and with little thanks from those I had hoped to assist, frankly pointed out the nature of the steps which I think all who have the management of such cases should adopt), I shall reduce my notes of these illustrative cases to the lowest possible limits. Some of the cases are simple enough, whilst others presented difficulties of their own.