

during the following August. Subsequently, in the Pathological Society's Transactions and elsewhere (1866) further confirmatory researches were made public, some of these throwing light upon subsidiary questions in helminthology. Quite recently a French experimenter has at length accomplished a similar result. Professor St. Cyr, however, (like M. Trasbot) appears to have been totally unaware of the fact of the German and English experiments, although they were conducted ten or more years previously to his own. This evidence of defective information on the part of those who ought to have known better is, I repeat, exceedingly discouraging; and I wish I could bring myself to believe that such deficiencies were exclusively the prerogative of therapeutists and professional men on the other side of the Channel. Certainly, it ought to be generally known that the representative of helminthology in Paris, M. Davaine, cannot be held to blame on this score, since, in his recent article on the Cestodes in the *Dictionnaire Encyclopédique des Sciences Médicales*, he has given an admirable summary of Leuckart's and Mosler's researches, as well as of the experiments conducted by myself, with Professor Simond's co-operation, at the Royal Veterinary College.

Altogether ignoring, or at least failing to recognize, the practical value of these researches, it would appear that the method of treating tapeworm on the continent—as expounded by the members of the Society above referred to—is still made a matter either of mere drugging or of a mere choice of drugs. Thus one gives pumpkin-seeds, another pomegranate root-bark, a third male fern, a fourth kousso, and so on, *ad nauseam* in more senses than one. It is to be feared that a similar state of things prevails at home. In England turpentine is still perhaps the most popular remedy, at least in country districts. Unquestionably all these particular remedial agents have their value, some being more particularly useful than others. As to the amount of intellectual capacity requisite for the due