

of the human tapeworms, a much larger professional success will be obtained. Lengthened experience justifies me in making this statement. I can say, indeed, that, during the year now closing, it has been my good fortune to obtain unusual success in the treatment of tapeworm. Some of these helminthiases were regarded by the patients not merely as obstinate, but incurable cases. However, to cut the matter short, let me say that, in all instances, without exception, where I have this year had an opportunity of actually examining the fæces and other matters passed by stool, as a consequence of remedies prescribed by myself, I have succeeded in procuring the head of the worm. In every instance, therefore, I have been enabled to assure my private patients that they were permanently and absolutely cured. This success, unique, perhaps, of its kind, of course only holds good in the case of those persons who have properly placed themselves under my personal care. In the more numerous instances where my opinion has merely been sought, I cannot tell what result may have followed the advice given.

Here it is only just that I should likewise remark that, in all the cases above referred to, I have had to deal with the very prevalent beef-tapeworm. Had it been otherwise, a similar degree of success could not possibly have followed. It seems to me that the pork-tapeworm (*Tænia solium*) becomes rarer and rarer, whilst that derived from beef (*T. mediocanellata*) is extremely common. I am, indeed informed by a practitioner of great experience that, of late years, the tapeworm disorder has very sensibly increased in Somersetshire, and it would not surprise me to learn that such was the case in other counties. Be that as it may, I can now only find time further to observe that, in the diagnosis and treatment of tapeworm, there are many other practical points which I should have been glad to have brought under your notice. For these, however, it must suffice me to refer you to the work already quoted.

By way of bringing the subject to an appropriate