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The Editor,
Leprosy Review,
8 Portman Street, W.1.

Sir,

We were interested to see the report by Drs. Garrett and Ellis on their trial of Vadrine. Their results have caused us some surprise for our findings with this compound, during the first year of treatment, were comparable with those to be expected from sulphone except that there was more individual variation in the responses. However, further observations on those patients who showed an early improvement have been disappointing, for they have either ceased to improve after 12 months or more of treatment or have actually deteriorated.

It would seem therefore that Vadrine, used alone, has no place in the treatment of leprosy, but we are at present trying it in conjunction with sulphone in view of the very good initial response made by a few patients in our trial.

We are, Sir,
Yours faithfully,
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