Letter to the Editors,

Dear Editors,

I feel that I should reply to Dr. M. Moore’s letter of complaint published in the December 1987 issue of the journal.

Dr. Moore’s letter was discussed at the last Executive Committee Meeting on 4th February, 1988. Dr. Robson reported that when the NW Region was established, Mr. Foxcroft was named as Secretary. He was entertained at Loughborough and given a list of NW Regional members. In addition he was offered a £50 cash float and was advised that all the Southern based officers and Executive Committee would be prepared to travel to the NW to speak at meetings if they were so required. Together with all other Regional Secretaries, Dr. Moore has been advised of the Executive Committee’s decision that 25% of all collected subscriptions to BASM would be transferred to Regions if the Regions could make a case for the need of the money. So far not one Regional Secretary has taken the trouble to reply.

Yours faithfully,

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BOOK REVIEW

Title: TAPPING/STRAPPING — A PRACTICAL GUIDE
Author: Rose MacDonald
Publisher: BDF Medical Ltd., Milton Keynes MK14 5LS
Price: £10 45 pages 79 figs. Soft cover ISBN

This is a much needed publication in the United Kingdom, in a similar format to a previous Australian BDF publication of 1979. It provides clear descriptions and diagrams of taping/strapping techniques to the upper (excluding the shoulder) and lower limbs. Spinal strapping techniques are not included. The illustrations and descriptions of techniques are clear and reflect the author’s North American background. Elasticated strappings remain in vogue in this country but the author has ably demonstrated the value of non-stretch tape applied to the skin in strips to provide support and protection. The author also gives important guidelines about the use of tape.

The book contains an adequate glossary so that it can be read easily by the non-medically trained.

The book includes a section of some six pages promoting BDF sportscare products. The recommended price seems rather high with a view to the extent of this advertising.

Some of the tape widths mentioned in this book, particularly, 3.75 cm, have been difficult to obtain in this country in the past, particularly in an NHS setting.

This book will be a valuable resource to physiotherapists, doctors, coaches and sportsmen and women.

V. A. Steele