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A System of Medicine by Many Writers. Edited by THOMAS CLIFFORD ALLBUTT, M.A., M.D., LL.D., F.R.C.P., F.R.S., F.L.S., F.S.A., Regius Professor of Physic in the University of Cambridge; Fellow of Gonville and Caius College. Vol. V. London: Macmillan & Co., Limited, 1898. Toronto: A. P. Watts & Co., 10 College Street.

This volume was to have appeared just a year ago; but the editor, though every other part of his volume was ready for press some weeks before Christmas of 1897, was delayed and kept back very much owing to have to wait for the report of the Vaccination Commission. Therefore it is but fair to the authors of the different sections to say that it is on this account that their contributions do not perhaps come just as near the mark as they might, as they were not given the opportunity of revising their work which had stood in type for so long a time. Dr. Welch, whose contribution to this volume on "Thrombosis and Embolism," would have been so much appreciated, had to be held over, owing to the author having had his time fully occupied, as President of the Congress of American Physicians and Surgeons, fighting "an iniquitous bill then before Congress, which sought to restrict medical research to a degree never before attempted." Dr. Allbutt intended to have included in this volume Diseases of the Arteries, but on Prof. Welch's account has postponed that section until Vol. VI. Vol. V. is devoted to Diseases of the Respiratory and Circulatory Systems. The former section is divided into two classes, Diseases of the Respiratory Systems Proper and Diseases of the Pleura. Under the first subdivision, Dr. Wm. Ewart treats of Bronchitis and Bronchiectasis; Dr. P. H. Pye Smith, of Pneumonia; Dr. Percy Kidd, of Phthisis Pulmonalis; Dr. J. T. Arlidge, of Pneumoconiosis; Dr. Rolleston, of Pulmonary Aspergillosis; Dr. Kingston Fowler, of Emphysema and Syphilitic Disease of the Lungs; and Dr. Jas. F. Goodhart, of Asthma and Hay Fever. Under Diseases of the Pleura, Dr. Samuel West contributes an article on Intrapleural Tension, Dr. Gee and Dr. Herringham one on Pleurisy, and Dr. D. W. Finlay one on Pneumothorax. Under the second section, that devoted to Diseases of the Circulatory System, the principal writers are Prof. Michael Foster, who has an article on General Features of the Blood, Dr. Moncton Copeman on (1) Methods of Clinical Examination of the Blood and (2) Hæmoglobinuria. Prof. Allbutt contributes several chapters, one on Chlorosis, on Functional Disorders of the Heart, on Mechanical Strain of the Heart, and a fourth on Disease of the Aortic Area of the Heart. Sir Douglas Powell writes on Diseases of the Myocardium, Dr. Cheadle on Infantile Scurvy, while other contributions are written by men who stand very high in the profession. Better late than never, but, though late, the volume is a daisy, and compares well with any one of the other four.

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