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Canadians have a great interest in this new system of medicine, for it is edited by Canadians, and some of our ablest colleagues have contributed important articles to it. In this volume, just come to hand, for example, one of the best monographs we find is that on "Diseases of the Esophagus," by Dr. John McCrea, of Montreal.

The whole tone of this volume is excellent. Those who fear that medicine is drifting towards nihilism will be greatly comforted when they glance at the amount of space devoted to treatment, which is always sane and rational.

We must single out for approbation the contribution by Opie, on the "Diseases of the Pancreas," in which is embodied a great deal of his well-known research work. It is quite the most modern article on this subject.