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nowadays very rarely, if ever, assumes the malignant type which characterized it in former years, but has changed its nature, in consequence of the various modes of treatment that have been practised. Third, the profession of to-day better understand the treatment of disease in its various forms than did the practitioners of fifty or a hundred years ago, simply from the fact that we have profited by their experience, and at the same time have been making rapid advancement in the acquisition of knowledge pertaining to disease, and the treatment thereof; for, comparatively unknown as it may be, it is, nevertheless, an undeniable fact, that during the last few years the veterinary profession has made very rapid and upward progress, and so significant is the advancement made, both as regards scientific and national importance, that its parallel can not be shown even in the annals of the sister profession.

Its antiquity—the ever-varying phases in which it has manifested itself—its intractability to treatment, showing a most obstinate persistence in running a certain course—its tendency to complications, etc., all combine to render influenza one of the most remarkable, as well as interesting, diseases with which we have to deal, its peculiarities meriting much greater notice than has been accorded to the disease. Still, this subject has received a great deal of attention from veterinarians and others who have made the diseases of the brute creation a special study, from the earliest ages up to the present day, and while they have succeeded from time to time in making many valuable discoveries as to its nature, and effecting numerous reforms regarding the treatment of the disease, they have as yet been wholly unsuccessful in their endeavours to elucidate and clear away the cloud of mystery involving its origin. Many ingenious theories have been advanced from time to time in the efforts to locate the primary cause of the disease