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INTRODUCTION.

A complete abstract of all the pediatric literature of the year would be impossible in the space allotted to this department, nor would it be desirable to abstract all of it, some of it dealing with speculative problems concerning the infant's metabolism, and having as yet merely a theoretic importance. It has been the endeavor of the Editor to make a judicious selection of the literature, and to bring out what seemed to him the important work of the year which has a value from the standpoint of bedside medicine. The diligent investigations which have been carried on in the domain of infectious diseases have been carefully considered, with particular reference to scarlet fever and diphtheria. The serum therapy of scarlet fever, which has been announced during the past year, is still in its experimental stage, and judgment on its value must be reserved until more clinical tests of its efficacy have been made.

The advances in infant feeding have been recorded. The whole subject of infantile dietetics is still controversial; it may be said, however, to the credit of American students of pediatrics, that a system of infant feeding has been evolved which presents many points of advantage and deserves the careful consideration of physicians here and abroad. The method of substitute feeding, if properly understood, enables the physician to so vary the ingredients of cow's milk as to meet almost every condition of the infant's digestion.

Many reports on the treatment of the gastrointestinal diseases have been included in this volume, and the opinion of all the writers of the year tends to emphasize the importance of securing pure milk for feeding, and, in general, to lay greater stress upon prophylaxis—less on the drug treatment of this class of disorders.

Additional light has been thrown upon the subject of