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Editorial.

CASE TAKING.

WE are glad to observe from the correspondence which we have received this week from our readers concerning the proposed system of prizes for the best Notes of a Medical or Surgical Case, that considerable interest has been aroused by this new scheme.

It is perhaps scarcely necessary to say that in making the offer of a monthly prize for such notes we have been actuated chiefly by the desire to afford our readers some practical assistance in their professional work; for there can be no dispute as to the great educational advantage of such clinical knowledge as the details of a well-recorded case impart. But, in addition to this, it is evident that it may be of great indirect advantage both to those who enter for these competitions, and to those who read the published records, to gain facility alike in accurate observation and in the correct recording of the progress of their patients. We are therefore encouraged to hope that the Notes Competition inaugurated by this Journal, will become both popular and useful; and it is possible that other Journals, which are in the habit of flattering us by carefully imitating our procedures, may also adopt our new departure, so that the benefit may be extended even beyond the readers of this Journal.

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