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American teachers and students will recognize that the arrangement of the various chapters, as well as the order of matter within the chapters, is similar to that of the various textbooks of Professor C. A. Young, and is therefore excellent. The view is modern; the important recent advances are generally noted.

It is to be hoped that the war and the consequent diversion of scientific thought will not put an end to, or greatly delay, this useful series of publications.

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