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As natural scientists we ought, I think, to seek earnestly and intelligently the place where our science fits in the general scheme of knowledge. Because there has been some measure of carelessness, the need is greater now, when exact methods of thinking are beginning to be used in the study of diseases. So much is usually included in accounts of disease in general, and of any set of diseases in particular, that what constitutes the essential properties in the description of any disease and so of diseases in general is often obscure. These remarks apply with especial relevance to disease of the heart. Folklore, tradition, anatomy, early physiology, contributions of the art of the clinic, bacteriology and therapeutics have all been included indiscriminately in accounts of

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