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This book is based on a series of lectures given at Cambridge University. Beginning with John Dalton, the author traces chronologically the development of the idea of valency in chemical combination. Numerous extracts from the publications of the most influential authorities are included, largely in their own languages and in the nomenclature and terminology of their time. The most recent developments are not included because they cannot yet be seen in proper historical perspective.

This is a comprehensive and scholarly work which could be read with benefit by every student of chemistry. The printing and binding are well up to the usual high standard of the Cambridge University Press.

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