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demonstrates that the compiler, perhaps in King Alfred's reign, translated selections from a wide range of Latin texts in composing a well-organized treatise directed against the diseases prevalent in his time. Short epic poems in South Slavic Christian tradition are recommended as a better *model of oral poetry* than the Parry–Lord one of longer Muslim epic for comparison with the Old English lyrics. A reading of *Andreas*, straightforwardly on the poem's own terms and constantly guided by comparison with the Latin source, leaves a clear impression of how the poet's imagination worked. All conjectures or emendations accepted by at least one editor of *Beowulf* from 1950 onwards are presented in an easily usable form, classified according to degree of acceptance and origin.

As usual the concluding item is a systematic bibliography of recent work in all branches of Anglo-Saxon studies – this time the publications of 1982.

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