

A.M., M.D., deems waste of time and waste of energy to be the two chief causes of failure. Photogravures are given of the men, their clinics, operating rooms, etc.

Dr. Horatio C. Wood, jun., contributes part II. on a description of the methods of investigating the action of drugs. How to study the effects of drugs on respiration, the blood and nervous system is fully discussed, accompanied with cuts of the apparatus employed.

An interesting article is that On the Significance of Basophilic Granules in Red Corpuscles, with Special Reference to Their Occurrence in Chronic Lead Poisoning, by Charles E. Simon, M.D. He traces the observation made in regard to these granules from the time of their discovery, by Marchiafava and Celli in 1884, to his own work during the last three years, giving the technique in detail. They are found mostly in cases of pernicious anæmia, malaria, myelogenous and lymphatic leukæmia and in lead poisoning. The origin of the cells and their clinical significance is discussed. The article by John C. Hemmeter, M.D., Ph.D., on Gastro-Intestinal Auto Intoxication is very instructive. Part I. appears in this volume and the subject is considered under such heads as: Nature and Concept, Terminology, Classification, Definition, Significance of the Doctrine, Criticism of Experimental Evidences, Auto-infection *versus* Auto-intoxication, Criticism of the Clinical arguments in Favour of Auto-Intoxication, Protective Function of the Liver, Causes and Types.

Other valuable contributions are: Habitual Constipation, by I. Boas, M.D.; The Climate of New England, by Guy Hinsdale, A.M., M.D.; The Treatment of Acne, by Prof. H. Hallopeau; The Surgical Treatment of Infantile Palsy, by Drs. J. K. Young and James Kelly; The Contest between the Advocates of Symphysiotomy and the Partisans of Cæsarean Section, by A. Boissard, M.D.

One-third of the volume is taken up with a review of the Progress of Medicine during 1901, by Edward Willard Watson, M.D. Besides a review of the chief advances in Medicine, Surgery, Therapeutics, Pathology, Neurology, Obstetrics and Gynæcology reference is made to the present status of X-rays, Medical Legislation, New Instruments and Devices, the eightieth birthday of Prof. Virchow and the death of President McKinley. The publishers and editors are to be congratulated upon the wisdom displayed in the character of the contributions secured, and the attractive and practical style of the contents of the present number of this popular quarterly.

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After carefully examining this book we can recommend it, and believe it will be found of great advantage to all busy practi-