

The clinician, however, is always interested in the vital question, "What can I do for my patients?" Abundant answer to this question is found in the sections on "Clinical Course and Diagnosis," (including a valuable subdivision on "Possible Errors in Diagnosis"), "Non-Surgical Treatment," "Surgical Treatment" (comprising the subdivisions, "General Technic of Surgery as Applied to Cancer" and "Special Technic"), and a practical consideration of "Irremovable Cancer."

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TREATMENT OF DISEASES OF THE HEART.

The Balmo-Gymnastic Treatment of Chronic Diseases of the Heart. By Prof. Theodor Schott, M.D., Bad-Nauheim, Germany, with foreword by James M. Anders, M.D., LL.D., Professor of Medicine, Medico-Chirurgical College, Philadelphia. With 87 illustrations, including 41 gymnastic poses. Philadelphia: P. Blakiston's Son and Company, 1012 Walnut Street. Price, \$2.50.

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PROGRESSIVE MEDICINE.

A Quarterly Digest of Advances, Discoveries and Improvements in the Medical and Surgical Sciences. Edited by H. A. Hare, M.D., and L. F. Appleman, M.D. Vol. iii., September, 1914. Philadelphia and New York: Lea & Febiger. Price in paper covers, \$6.00 per annum.

In this volume we have discussed the diseases of the thorax, by William Ewart, M.D.; Dermatology and Syphilis, by W. S. Gottheil, M.D.; Obstetrics, by E. P. Davis, M.D., and Diseases of the Nervous System, by W. G. Spiller, M.D. Each section is carefully written and furnishes a complete review of the recent advances in these departments. We note with pleasure the continued high excellence of this series.