

Preventive Medicine. Two prize essays, "The General Principles of Preventive Medicine," by W. WAYNE BARCOCK, M.D., and "The Medical Inspection of Schools; a Problem in Preventive Medicine." By LEWIS S. SOMERS, M.D. Published for gratuitous distribution to the medical profession by The Maltine Company, of Brooklyn, N.Y.

Four Epochs of a Woman's Life. By ANNA M. GALBRAITH, M.D., Philadelphia, New York and London: W. B. Saunders & Co.; Toronto: J. A. Carveth & Co.

Dr. Galbraith writes for the laity on Maidenhood, Marriage, Maternity, and the Menopause, and has discharged her difficult task well. This is the 2nd edition, revised and enlarged, and we are glad that the author has included, among other additions, a reference to the early signs of uterine carcinoma.

Biographic Clinics, Vol. II. The origin of the ill-health of George Eliot, Geo. Henry Lewes, Wagner, Parkman, Jane Welch Carlyle, Spencer, Whittier, Margaret Fuller, Ossoli and Nietzsche, by GEO. M. GOULD, M.D., editor of *American Medicine*, author of "An Illustrated Dictionary of Medicine," "Borderland Studies," etc. Philadelphia: P. Blakiston's Son & Co., 1012 Walnut Street. 1904.

The first volume of this work was discussed in this and other medical journals so fully that there is little left to be said in way of review of the various studies taken up in Volume II. Dr. Gould brings forward a large array of facts to prove his contention that near eye-work is the basis of the ill-health of a great many eminent people, and of many more occupying humbler positions in life. Although his experience and his opinion are at variance with those of a great many physicians who have studied the subject carefully, his contributions have awakened the profession to the possibilities of eye-strain as a remote cause for many an obscure disease. It seems to be the general opinion among the medical profession though, that Dr. Gould has not proved his point. F.A.C.

Progressive Medicine, Vol. VI., No. 1. A quarterly digest of advances, discoveries and improvements in the medical and surgical sciences, edited by HOBART AMORY HARE, M.D., Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, assisted by H. R. M. Landis, M.D. March 1st, 1904. Lea Brothers & Company, Philadelphia and New York. Six dollars per annum.

This welcome quarterly has established such an enviable reputation for itself during the last six years, that it needs no word of praise. The departments into which the work is divided are in good hands, and the reader feels, as he takes up any special subject for study, that he is getting all that is worth knowing about it in a clear, concise and yet readable form. The first volume of 1904 is equal to anything which has preceded it, some of the articles being of exceptional merit. One of these we have abstracted for the benefit of our readers.

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