

would be far better to have houses freed from the fear of police raidings, and under supervision. This would do much to limit the spread of these diseases. Laws should be passed making it unlawful to procure a marriage license if the party has any form of contagious disease. Such a law exists in North Dakota. The persons wishing to be married must pass a bond of three medical men. Further, the state should enforce instruction on venereal diseases. The author speaks out very strongly against compulsory notification of these cases, but he holds that every physician should be an educator among his patients. A good deal is said on the methods of preventing these diseases by those who indulge in promiscuous intercourse. Cleanliness is one of these. The washing of the parts with some silver salt in solution, and for syphilis, the application of a 30 per cent. calomel ointment. The work gives out much useful information.

PROGRESSIVE MEDICINE.

A Quarterly Digest of Advances, Discoveries and Improvements in the Medical and Surgical Sciences. Edited by H. A. Hare, M.D., and S. F. Appleman, M.D. December, 1910. Lea & Febiger, Philadelphia and New York. Per annum, \$6.

In this volume we find articles on the digestive tract by R. S. Laven-son, on diseases of the kidneys by John Rose Bradford, on surgery of the extremities, shock, etc., by Joseph C. Bloodgood, on genito-urinary diseases by W. T. Belfield, and on therapeutic referendum by H. R. M. Landis. These articles are the very best possible, and will repay the most careful study.

MEDICAL, CHAOS AND CRIME.

By Norman Barnesley, M.D. Mitchell Kennerley: London and New York, 1910. Price, \$2.00.

In this book the author makes a very vigorous attack upon many of the abuses that exist in the medical profession. The profession is noble or ignoble as it is made to serve devoting and curative ends, or to serve the ends of greed and crime. The author has a good deal to say, and he says it with much vigor, upon graft, bad ethics, quackery, the untrained surgeon, crimes against posterity, etc. There is a considerable amount of plain talk in this book. From the reading of it one would think that the medical profession in the United States is drifting rather rapidly into a state of commercialism. Should this ever come to be the rule of the day, the glory of the medical profession will have departed. Against those gynaecologists who operate upon women,