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Oliver Wendell Holmes referred to his novels as "medicated books," because he usually had, as became a doctor, a medical problem in them. The doctor with a love of letters is always an attractive sight to a bookish layman. Occasionally it provides a classic, as with Sir Thomas Browne, and inspires a great modern, as with Sir William Osler. My review of his recently-published *Life* led a friend to present me with *An Alabama Student, and Other Biographical Essays*, issued by the Clarendon Press in 1908. A wonderful volume, but precious to me by its essay on Browne.

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