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In this much too brief outline we have endeavored to show the human interest with which the author has clothed these admirable lectures. The story of such men as Vesalius, Harvey, Malpighi, Borelli, Stensen, Mayow, Lower, Lavoisier and others, with their love of truth and their capacity for patient, honest work, should be in the hands of every student of medicine. As the stream of knowledge grows more rapid, we teachers live too much - we have to, I suppose - in the swift current, and few of us have time, too few the inclination, to go up stream to the sources of our art and science, and yet there is not a question which comes before us which cannot be most safely approached from the historical side. Even when time and opportunity are lacking for personal investigation, as they often must be to busy teachers, the attitude of mind counts for much, and this work will, I am sure, help many of us to a proper appreciation of the great masters of medicine.

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