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To write the biography of a man who is still living is a difficult task, especially for a friend, and some may doubt the wisdom of such an undertaking. Dr. Marshall, Professor of microbiology at the University of California School of Medicine, in a book with a rather journalese title pays a sincere tribute to a great figure in American public health and his fight against malaria, typhoid, typhus, botulism, plague, smallpox, tuberculosis, undulant fever, leprosy, venereal disease, and 'political sepsis'. As befits a colourful subject, the author's style is colourful, and he tells many amusing stories, but his narrative suffers from being too rambling and containing too much that is trivial.

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