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- 748 Exploring the Dangerous Trades. By Alice Hamilton. Little, Brown and Co., Boston, Mass. Index, illustrated, 433 pp. (1943). Price \$3.00.
- Industrial hygiene has been granted a great service in this book, which is a biographical account of the last thirty years by an authority with a gift for interesting writing. Dr. Hamilton tells at first hand of the period from 1910 to 1940 when industrial medicine was frowned upon by the medical profession. From 1920 on it gathered impetus, while in the last 10 years the preventive aspects have assumed a permanent place in American industry. The humanitarian and social aspects of industrial health matters occupy a large part of the book. Dr. Hamilton has seen our nation emerge from a position of shameful backwardness in the control of industrial health to the present time, when we can take our place as a world pioneer. It is doubtful if there is any other person qualified by personal experience to write such a book. Few, if any, who could do it in so charming and interesting a manner.