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Excerpt: . CHAPTER XVIII HISTORICAL SKETCH OF INDUCTION
Socrates (470-399 B.c).--We find the beginnings of inductive inquiry in the Socratic or maieutic method, that art of mental midwifery by which conceptions were to be delivered from the mass of individual experiences and opinions in which they lie concealed. The Socratic procedure in the formation of conceptions is to question every particular view, and estimate it by bringing together analogous cases, and discovering their natural connections, so as to explicate the general notion which it contains, and thus proceed from comparison of particulars to the framing of general propositions. Socrates's generalizations were many of them hasty, and in his desire to formulate a general conception he overlooked exceptions and minimized difficulties, but in his method there were the germs of truly scientific procedure. The sphere of his method was, however, limited, as he applied it...



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