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EXCITEMENT OVER KIRKSVILLE RUMORS.

Reported Changes of Name and Location of A. S. O. Explained.

NAME OF A. S. O. WAS NOT CHANGED.

Reports of Moving to St. Louis Bag and Baggage Were Understood by Osteopaths Everywhere to Be an Error—What St. Louis Papers Published and Corrected.

St. Louis papers published another scare-head sensation in August about the American School of Osteopathy moving to St. Louis. They were so premature in this case as to fancy that the job would be effected on September 1 last—as if moving a college of 700 students was as simple a job as moving a cartload of furniture!

The articles stated that Secretary Warren Hamilton was in town buying up real estate for the transfer. A residence is mentioned as one possible site for the new location—just as if a family abode, however palatial, would accommodate a great big college! Of course, such earmarks of inaccuracy told the profession very plainly that somebody in St. Louis journalism was smoking "hop;" yet the statement, as wild as it is, will be of interest to Osteopaths everywhere because of the prophecy it contains for the future. Everyone would have been startled had the statement read that the transfer would take place in September, 1904, but, as it was, every Osteopathic reader doubtless felt wise and knew that he knew more than certain gullible city editors. But it was good advertising for Osteopathy in its way and, we trust, will injure no one.

The article as it appeared in the Globe-Democrat, headlines and all, was as follows:

ANOTHER MEDICAL SCHOOL IS PLANNED.

Osteopaths Will Remove Their Establishments from Kirksville to St. Louis—To Change on September 1—Several Building Sites Are Under Consideration, a Lot on Olive Near Beaumont Street Being Favored.

The American School of Osteopathy, which has been conducted at Kirksville, Mo., for thirteen years, is soon to be moved to St. Louis.

The school at present has an attendance of 700 students and an increased attendance is expected to follow the institution to St. Louis September 1.

Warren Hamilton, secretary of the American School of Osteopathy, was in the city yesterday and entered into negotiations for the purchase of property upon which to erect the building in which the school will be established.

Several sites are under consideration. One of these is a part of the old Simmons residence property, between Twenty-seventh and Twenty-eighth streets, on Olive. Another is the old Barnes Medical college. Either the Mississippi Valley or the German Trust company will make the deal for the property upon which the school building will be erected.

When the site is selected preparation for the expenditure of \$50,000 will be immediately begun. It is proposed to erect a building which will answer the growing requirements of the

school for years to come and will be a credit to the promulgators of the science of Osteopathy.

Doctors A. T. and C. E. Still will continue at the head of the school and Doctor Warren Hamilton will be secretary.

There are at present in the United States 3,000 practicing Osteopaths. The first graduating class finished the course in the spring of 1893, and numbered sixteen. Doctor William Smith, of No. 3949 Washington boulevard, a practicing Osteopath, received and has in his possession the first diploma issued by the American School of Osteopathy at Kirksville.

The Correction Which Followed

The St. Louis Republic promptly set the matter right by this statement the day following:

THE SCHOOL OF OSTEOPATHY WILL REMAIN IN KIRKSVILLE.

The inauguration of a postgraduate course of summer instruction in this city by the American School of Osteopathy of Kirksville, Mo., has apparently led to the report, recently current, that the parent school was to be removed to this city.

This, the officers of the school declare, is erroneous. The summer school here was simply auxiliary to the original institution, where a full two-years' course is insisted upon.

It is anticipated, however, as a result of the success attained by the St. Louis summer school, that a complete three-year course may be instituted here within a year. If that is accomplished the school will still be an auxiliary establishment and the parent school will continue its two-year course at Kirksville.

Another Sensation About the Parent School

A short while previous to this another sensation attained wide publicity about the American School of Osteopathy changing its name—to the distress of many graduates who read it in the telegraphic reports of their local newspapers. This story was to the effect that the institution had changed its name to the A. T. Still College of Osteopathy. While honoring the name of the Founder of our science above all others, this report proved very annoying to hundreds of Osteopaths over the country who believed that the old school should retain the name its Founder first gave it. A flood of letters of remonstrance poured in to Kirksville and numbers were received by THE OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIAN.

This statement is to set right those who heard this report and may still be deceived by it.

No such step was taken at all with any view to changing the name of the institution.

"In the course of reincorporating the American School of Osteopathy in accordance with our plan of modifying somewhat its business basis," said Dr. Warren B. Hamilton, Secretary, "it became necessary as a first step to take out a temporary charter under a new name. The name of Dr. Still was used. As soon as that step had been carried out according to law, the charter was amended so that the original name of the school was restored to it and the American School of Osteopathy, it is and will stand, we trust, till the end of human history."

"The Bone Of Contention"—Look!

Will the writer of the contribution to "O. H." entitled "The Bone of Contention—A Conversation with a Patient," please identify himself to the editor? His name has been lost from the manuscript. Thanks in advance.

ANOTHER DEFEAT IN ALABAMA.

The Organization of the M. D.'s and Their Pull Too Much for Us.

OUR FRIENDS ALL GAIN STRENGTH.

But in the Short Time at Our Disposal for Making the Fight It Was Not Possible to Get a New Hearing and a Vote in the Senate Was Against Us.

We have again failed to rout the medical tyrants through any good offices of Alabama's legislators. Our little band of stalwarts made a noble fight again in the short session of three weeks, and showed added strength in their fight—new friends and new supporters; but it proved impossible to overcome the organized influence of Alabama's medical profession, which had its friends well drilled and vigilant against Osteopathic legislative tactics.

It is a pity, to be sure, but it cannot be helped. Dr. Ellen Barrett Ligon, Dr. P. K. Norman and others deserve great credit for their fidelity to the cause.

The Osteopathic bill came up in the senate as one of 43 bills on September 8. It claimed attention for but an hour. The Montgomery Advertiser gave this version of the fight by our friends seeking to bring the bill to a vote:

The subject of Osteopathy after a peaceful sleep of nearly a half year stalked into the senate chamber yesterday morning. The measure was called up for its third reading and final passage by Senator Hogue, of Perry, one of the ardent advocates of the bill, who introduced it during the winter session after a similar bill had been defeated.

Again, as was the case before the recess, the Osteopathic measure served to do nothing more than kill one of the valuable hours of the senate, its consideration after a protracted debate and a lively parliamentary battle being made a special order for Wednesday noon of next week.

The call of districts for the consideration of bills on the third reading had barely begun, when Senator Hogue asked unanimous consent to call up senate bill 276. Previous to this time numbers of local bills had been called up and passed. The opponents of the bill thought that the bill called up by Senator Hogue was some measure affecting his senatorial district alone, and no objection was raised.

As soon, however, as Secretary Garrett had read the familiar caption "to regulate the practice of Osteopathy in Alabama," Senator Thomas, of Barbour, arose and said: "Mr. President, I object to that bill being called up."

President Pro Tem. Goldsby was in the chair in the absence of Lieutenant Governor Cunningham. He ruled the senator from Barbour was out of order, saying that his objection was filed too late.

Senator Thomas insisted on being heard. He said that he had not inquired what the bill was that Senator Hogue had called up, on account of the established custom in the senate to allow senators to call up local bills, which they were anxious to put through as speedily as possible. He did not wish to reflect in any way on the integrity of the chair, he said, but he thought that

Now Go to the Supreme Court!

Wasn't October's "O. H." a "Corker"?

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owing to the circumstances the ruling was unjust.

Senator Powell, of Butler, concurred in the opinion of Senator Thomas and urged that the senators be given due time and notice of the calling up of the bill. He suggested that it be set down as a special order.

Advocates of the Bill

Senator Hogue said that he saw no reason why the senate should defer action on the matter. It had been fully discussed at the ante recess session and the senators were perfectly able to vote intelligently on the subject.

Senator Rogers, of Sumter, said that he was an earnest advocate of the bill. He admitted that appearances indicated that the friends of the measure were making an effort to take snap judgment on the senate, but such he affirmed was not the case. The senator from Barbour, he said, had stated in his speech that at the last session of the senate the members had "their arms talked off on Osteopathy," and he believed that the present was as good a time to vote on the measure as any.

Senator Hogue said that although he saw no reason why the matter should be deferred, he did not wish to be put in the position of trying to "railroad" anything through the senate, but was only trying to save the valuable time of that body. He accordingly moved that the Osteopathy bill be set down as a special order for Monday at noon, and at that time the matter was to be voted on without debate.

Senator Thomas arose to the point of order that the Perry county senator had two objectives in his motion, the one to set down as a special order and the other to submit the matter without debate. He demanded a severance. The severance was granted.

Senator Powell then moved to amend the motion of Senator Hogue by setting the special order for Wednesday of next week at noon.

Senator Hogue moved to lay the motion of Senator Powell on the table. The last motion was lost by 12 ayes to 14 nays.

The motion of Senator Powell was then adopted.

The motion of Senator Hogue to have the bill submitted to a vote without debate was then called. It carried by a tie vote, the chair voting "aye."

Just as it seemed that the much mooted measure was to be voted on without debate, the hopes of the friends of the measure in that respect were crushed by Senator Hipp, of Cullman, who rose to the point of order that to submit a bill without debate required a suspension of the rules, for which, under the rules of the senate, a day's notice had to be given the rules committee in writing.

President Pro Tem Goldsby said:

"I am compelled to rule that the point is well taken. Proceed with the call of districts."

At the vote upon the bill at the appointed time it failed of passage.

Dr. A. G. Hildreth, of the Legislative Committee, wrote as follows after the battle:

"I am sorry to report failure again in the Alabama legislature. I was there three days last week, but conditions, short session and some other things combined to knock us out."

An Opportunity for Good Fighting That Was Lost

One feature of this fight in the Alabama legislature was a trick by the "Medics" to prejudice a rehearing of the Osteopathic case. Small printed slips were circulated in the legislative chamber containing an opinion from Col. A. B. Shaw, printed a few issues back by "THE O. P.," on the text of the Alabama medical law as it stood, saying that if that law were impartially applied no well-equipped graduate ought to have any trouble in making as good grades before the board as the medical candidates.

But there is just the rub in Alabama.

The Medical Board is an iniquitous graft institution, bent, not on administering law and justice, but upon perpetuating a medical monopoly

and persecuting the Osteopaths. It is said to be on record that no Osteopathy will be permitted to pass the board's examinations, no, not even if he makes a grade of 100.

This printed statement that Col. Shaw thought the law was all right if it were to be administered all right was accepted as a set-back by the Osteopaths, unfortunately; but it seems as if it ought to have been just the reverse. It gave the Osteopaths a chance for a grand coup if they had acted promptly on the opportunity with the acumen that is necessary to win legislative victories. The Osteopaths should, within twenty-four hours, have had another slip on those same desks, defining the case as one of mal-administration of law by a prejudiced board, backing up the claim with the sort of facts that Mrs. Ligon presented at Cleveland, and showing that the only way to get justice for the people and the Osteopathic practitioners was to enact this same Osteopathic law now being pressed for passage. It is unfortunate that this step was not promptly taken. The Osteopaths did enter correspondence at once to get Col. Shaw and "THE O. P." to make the right showing for following up the case, but, unfortunately, it was too late to be accomplished and the time before the legislature adjourned was insufficient to carry out the plan. The error in generalship was in not answering on the spot and turning a medical trick into a boomerang that would have struck back at the Medical Board with deserved fury. One must be ready for these tricks in legislative contests.

But it is entirely likely that this incident of the fight—as disturbing as it may have been to our already jaded fighters—had no real bearing whatever upon the issue of the fight. It is not conceivable that if Osteopathy had, or could get, into line at this short session enough friends to vote a bill through that their attitude could or would have been changed in the least by a little medical trick of that description.

Some of our best political friends in Alabama,

it will be remembered, advised against renewing the fight in this short session, saying that it would be absolutely impossible to get any hearing whatever at this time, and good luck if we even secured a vote without debate. But on taking counsel all around it was deemed best to go ahead and try. We tried—and lost again! We must be prepared, however, for such experiences, for we will now and then meet a Waterloo, and escape from them always is not to be expected.

Plan to Merge State and National Associations

A very valuable suggestion was printed in the Official Department last month from Dr. F. N. Oium, of Oshkosh, Wis., relative to strengthening the bond between state and national societies. Dr. Oium intended this article for the pre-convention number, but it came too late to get in. It will be timely, however, for a year to come. This question was up before the officers of the A. O. A. at Cleveland, and it was agreed that the association should work out some such plan of centralization and unification, if possible, as this proposed by Dr. Oium. It was agreed to ask the several state societies to vote on this plan, and to merge themselves into the A. O. A. as the national society at the next meeting. Indeed, a step toward this end was begun earlier, when, first, the New York and New Jersey, then the Pennsylvania, Illinois and other state associations, elected state delegates to the national meeting at Cleveland.

Undoubtedly by another year all the states will be represented by official delegates, who can then act upon this plan for the consolidation of state with national associations. It is the thing to do in the opinion of THE OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIAN, and is about the most important thing now before the A. O. A. for accomplishment. Carrying a test case to the Supreme Court, for instance, would be easy under such a perfect organization.

While this plan is before the membership, "The O. P." wishes to call attention again to the suggestion of Dr. Herbert E. Peckham, of Colorado Springs, Col., that the excellent JOURNAL OF THE ASSOCIATION should be available for open subscription at a fair price—say two dollars per year—independent of membership in the national association. Of course, if the federation between state and national societies crystallizes into a complete merger, it would be only reasonable to suppose that every loyal Osteopath should want to be a member of both, and get the paper; but everybody in the world—Osteopath, Allopath, physiologist, or what-not—ought to be able to secure our excellent scientific literature for a price, a fair journalistic price, altogether apart from membership in any organization. It will help the paper to get the outside subscriptions, to which it is justly entitled; and it is due the science to have available literature for such men of science as may want it.

A Year's Record in Legislation

Osteopaths have every reason to be proud of what they have accomplished the present year in legislative battles. One must often sum up what he has done to be entirely satisfied at the progress he has made. Surely he would be a queer doctor who would not swell up with pride at reviewing this summary for 1903 presented by the Legislative Committee at the Cleveland meeting of the A. O. A.:

"Nine states have passed new laws. In three of them—Arkansas, Minnesota and Oklahoma—we have secured independent boards of examination and registration to regulate our practice. New Mexico simply a registration law, similar to the old Missouri law. Two states—Missouri and Michigan—have new laws creating boards of examiners, and repealing the old registration acts. Virginia and North Carolina and Arizona have passed laws recognizing Osteopathy, but requiring its practitioners to take examinations under

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- "The Three Great Systems of Healing—A Comparison," by Professor N. N. Riddell, the brilliant Chautauqua lecturer. It shows the real importance of Osteopathy as an advance in medical science.
- "Loose Bowels—A Study in Catarrhs," by Dr. Dain L. Tasker. This explains Diarrhoea, Dysentery and all Catarrh ills and their Cure.
- "Asthma," by Dr. William Smith. An excellent treatise which also considers its twin malady, Hay Fever.
- "The Bone of Contention," is a chat with a patient that shows the propriety of the name Osteopathy and is full of helpful knowledge.
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Good enough! Now take it to the Supreme Court!

Dr. Hotwell Arrested in New Jersey

Dr. J. C. Howell gives the following interesting account of his arrest, in a personal letter to "THE O. P.:"

"After graduating I located in the far west and practiced for a year with an old Kirksville graduate, who objected to paying for the different publications, saying that he had been in practice long enough to get along without reading or studying. I have started in for myself now with the idea of making money enough in the near future to take a post graduate course. I came east to visit my old home here in Vineland, N. J., and was prevailed upon to take up my post graduate.

"About this time a wealthy woman asked me to treat her. I explained that I was going to be in Philadelphia studying and that it would not pay me to come down twice a week just for one patient; but she insisted, saying she would get others to take treatment. I reluctantly agreed. I soon had six or eight patients among the wealthiest people of the town.

"The M. D.'s got jealous. They had the Medical Board write me a letter to stop at once. I did not stop. I was arrested. The case went before the grand jury, but owing to lack of witnesses it was continued to the October term of court and will probably come up early in October.

"In the meantime I was arrested again and the M. D.'s put a notice in the local papers that I would be arrested every time I gave a treatment. This was to scare my patrons away and make them afraid to come for treatment. It worked pretty well for awhile, but I am still working, with business increasing.

"If I am beaten in the local courts the New Jersey Osteopathic Society, of which I am a member, have planned to take my case up to the state supreme court. If beaten there, Dr. Hazard, with whom I was talking a few days ago, thinks it will be a good case to take to the supreme court of the United States. In the meantime I am still doing business at the old stand, and herewith enclose my subscription to THE O. P.

"Fraternally,
"J. C. HOWELL, D. O."

Vineland, N. J., September 21.

ROW IN ACADEMY OF MEDICINE.

Ohio Physicians Foam at the Mouth and Show Rabies At

THE FORAKER OSTEOPATHIC BABY.

Object to One of Their Members Agreeing to Consult with an Osteopath on an Obstetrical Case—What Lovable Pharisees.

[From the Cincinnati Enquirer.]

The Academy of Medicine is in the throes of a discussion of ethics. It is claimed that one of the members, and an officer at that, has aided and abetted Osteopathy, and as a result there was a scene at the last meeting of the academy which bordered on the dramatic.

The member and officer in question was charged with having agreed to consult with an Osteopathic operator, and this was considered as a direct violation of the ethics which are so much talked of at the meetings of the academy.

The whole controversy arose over the ushering into the world of the first grandchild of Senator Foraker, Joseph Benson Matthews. The Forakers are supporters of the Osteopathic treatment, and when the stork was hovering around the house, engaged a woman physician, an Osteopath.

The story, as told, is that she consulted with a regular physician, who agreed with her that in the event his services were needed he would come if called. His services were not needed, but this does not seem to be taken into consideration at the Academy of Medicine. That he agreed to recognize professionally an Osteopath is construed as a violation of ethics, and there may be something doing about the matter. It is said that when taken to task about the matter the physician in question merely smiled, and entered no denial to the charge that he had agreed to consult with an Osteopath. As a result several resignations from the Academy of Medicine are threatened.—September 23.

A Campaign of Organization In Illinois

The old adage that "in unity there is strength," the truth of which is daily exemplified, shows the importance of organization with the Osteopath, both in business and social life, to pave the way for individual success and gain the esteem of others.

Realizing this fact, the Illinois Osteopathic

Association voted at the Bloomington meeting to divide the state into districts for the organization of Osteopathic societies. In compliance with this action the state has been divided into nine districts and an Osteopath appointed in each, who shall be known as the counselor for his district, and will organize the counties comprising the same.

FIRST DISTRICT—Comprises the counties of Cook, Lake, McHenry, Boone, Kane, DuPage, Kendall, Will, Grundy, Kankakee. Counselor, Dr. E. L. Longpre, Kankakee.

SECOND DISTRICT—Jo Daviess, Stephenson, Winnebago, Carroll, Ogle, DeKalb, Lee, Whiteside, Bureau, Putnam, Marshall, LaSalle. Counselor, Dr. E. M. Brown, Dixon.

THIRD DISTRICT—Rock Island, Henry, Mercer, Stark, Knox, Warren, Henderson, Hancock, McDonough, Fulton, Schuyler, Brown, Adams. Counselor, Dr. Frank Chapman, Galesburg.

FOURTH DISTRICT—Peoria, Tazewell, McLean, Woodford, Livingston, Ford, Iroquois. Counselor, Dr. Canada Wendell, Peoria.

FIFTH DISTRICT—DeWitt, Piatt, Champaign, Vermilion, Macon, Moultrie, Douglas, Edgar, Shelby, Coles, Cumberland, Clark. Counselor, Dr. Wm. Hartford, Champaign.

SIXTH DISTRICT—Mason, Logan, Menard, Cass, Pike, Scott, Morgan, Sangamon, Christian, Calhoun, Green, Jersey, Macoupen, Montgomery. Counselor, Dr. C. N. Maxey, Springfield.

SEVENTH DISTRICT—Effingham, Jasper, Crawford, Clay, Richland, Lawrence, Jefferson, Edwards, Wayne, Wabash. Counselor, Dr. Maude F. Conkel, Olney.

EIGHTH DISTRICT—Madison, St. Clair, Bond, Fayette, Marion, Clinton, Washington, Monroe. Counselor—Dr. A. B. Wyckoff, Alton.

NINTH DISTRICT—Randolph, Perry, Franklin, Hamilton, Williamson, White, Jackson, Saline, Gallatin, Union, Johnson, Pope, Hardin, Alexander, Pulaski, Massac. Counselor, Dr. S. M. Pleak, DuQuoin.

There are three inducive motives for organization with the Osteopath, viz.: Advancement, fellowship and protection.

First. The dissemination of Osteopathic idea as gleaned from the field of active practice. An exchange of experience, where we may come to compare notes and invite criticism. Report cases successfully handled and get the wise counsel and advice of a fellow co-worker in that wherein success is doubtful. There is wisdom in wise counsel.

A second reason for organization is that natural desire and need for mutual fellowship. While there comes no conception of higher or better work than is ours to do, yet success demands that we neglect not the social nature; a feature which responds most satisfactorily to congenial surroundings.

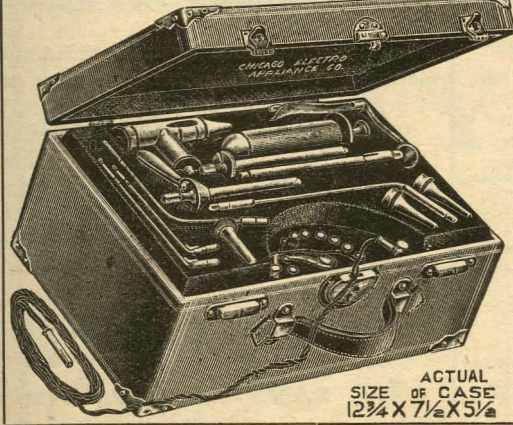
Third and not least interesting comes the subject of protection, legislation, etc. On this point we should be defensive rather than aggressive. Prove the value of Osteopathy to suffering humanity and there will be a demand for it.

By combined efforts we can create such a demand for our services that the people will say, we want you, the latest improvement in therapeutic science. We will not submit even to an Osteopath who mixes, but want the pure and simple unadulterated A. T. Still Osteopathy.

A great interest is being manifested in the organization of the district societies over the state.

The board of trustees of the I. O. A., composed of Drs. Melvin of Chicago, Brown of Dixon, Hartford of Champaign, Magill of Peoria, and Pleak of DuQuoin, held a meeting in Bloomington October 4, at which time the "Illinois Osteopathic Association" was incorporated under the laws of the state of Illinois. The object for which it is formed is "the advancement of the

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This will give the association legal recognition and put it on a sound basis.

Printing of the constitution and by-laws and mailing of the same to each member will be done soon by Dr. Lola L. Hays, secretary and treasurer I. O. A., Wyanet, Illinois.

J. D. CUNNINGHAM, Pres. I. O. A.

Bloomington, Ill.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Our patrons are requested to look charitably upon any errors that may creep into our columns this month, or at a delay in the date of issue of THE O. P., if such occurs. Matter for this number was written by Dr. Bunting in the fastness of the Saw Tooth Mountain Range, in Central Idaho, and copy had to be "trailed" eighty miles to reach a railroad.

There is no delay possible in the issue of OSTEOPATHIC HEALTH, as Dr. Bunting prepared the November issue before taking his trip. Very truly,

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STATE BOARD ITEMS

The first meeting of the Michigan Board of Examination and Registration was held at Lansing, October 9 and 10, in the capitol building.

At the annual meeting of the Massachusetts Osteopathic Society, October 6, the following officers were elected: President, Dr. H. T. Crawford; vice president, Dr. Henry Daniels; treasurer, Dr. A. W. Byrkit; secretary, Dr. R. K. Smith.

Attorney General J. C. Robberts has rendered an opinion holding that Osteopaths practicing in Oklahoma prior to the passage of the 1903 Osteopathic act do not need to comply with the requirements of the new law. The opinion was asked for by Dr. J. W. Slade, treasurer of the territorial board recently appointed by Gov. Ferguson.

The first meeting of the Oklahoma State Board of Osteopathic Examiners took place at Guthrie, July 9. The following applicants appeared for the examinations: Drs. Howel, of Kingfisher; C. B. Armstrong and wife, of Hobart; H. C. Wallace, of Blackwell; T. Apperson, of El Reno; J. C. Price and wife, of Perry; Mrs. Triplett, of Enid; J. C. Rosse and wife, Clara Mahafary and Dora Hayden, of Oklahoma City; R. E. Trask and wife, J. W. Slade, Evan Stern, C. B. Warner, D. C. Smith, T. H. Woodson, Emily Ireland, T. A. Englehart and John Harris, of Guthrie.

Correction by the Ohio Board

And now comes THE OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIAN with a statement that Dr. E. H. Cosner is reported to have scored the best average at the Ohio board at the last examination. A similar statement appeared in a recent issue of the Journal of Osteopathy; and in a recent issue of the Cosmopolitan Osteopath Dr. Blackman was given that distinction. Both are in error. These gentlemen received high grades, but neither the highest, and it is unjust to the other applicants at that time to allow such a statement to go out.

I have asked the publications above referred to to make the proper corrections, and they have said they would do so in their next issue.

It is the policy of the Ohio board to give out no information of this nature, and it is a query how such reports gain circulation.

Yours truly,

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Attention Indiana Osteopaths

The next regular meeting of the Indiana Osteopathic Association will be held in the city of Indianapolis on November 11. There will be a good programme. Election of officers for the ensuing year and legislative action will be discussed, all of which make it an important meeting. This invitation and notice of meeting extends to all the Osteopaths in the state, as well as to members of the Association.

GEO. TULL,

Secretary and Treasurer Indiana Osteopathic Association.

Officers of the Minnesota Association

At the recent Minnesota state meeting the election of officers resulted as follows: President, Dr. Willits, Minneapolis; vice presidents, H. W. Maltby, of Mankato, Dr. Ely, of Rochester, and Dr. Bowden, of Duluth; secretary, Dr. Upton, St. Paul; treasurer, Dr. Fuller, St. Paul; librarian, Dr. Mahony, St. Paul; legal adviser, Dr. Young, of St. Paul.

At the business meeting in the afternoon a new constitution was adopted, and it was decided to hold monthly meetings hereafter. The secretary reported 128 licensed Osteopaths in the state. It was the first all-day session that the state association has ever attempted and all members were pleased with the success of the meeting. Especially excellent were the clinics.

Iowans Ask Governor to Appoint Osteopath

[From the Dubuque Times.]

Iowa Falls, Ia., Sept. 21.—Special: A petition of 5,000 names will be laid before Gov. A. B. Cummins to-day asking that an Osteopath be appointed as a member of the state board of health. Dr. C. L. Parsons, of this city, as chairman of the executive board of the State Osteopath Association, goes to Des Moines to-day to present the petition to the governor. This action is in line with a plan adopted by the State Association of Osteopaths last spring, and the petitions have been circulated in all parts of the state and men of influence and standing in each community have been asked to sign the petition. The members of this profession hold that since all the other schools claiming to treat human ills are represented on the board and that owing to the position the Osteopath profession has and does occupy in the state, that it is entitled to representation on the chief medical organization of Iowa.

New Officers in Wisconsin

The Wisconsin State Osteopathic Association has elected the following new officers: Executive Board—F. N. Oium, D. O., Oshkosh, term expires 1906; E. A. West, D. O., Portage, term expires 1905; W. L. Thompson, D. O. Sheboygan,

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A. S. Davis, D. O., vice president, Ashland.
Edwin J. Elton, D. O., secretary, Kenosha.
E. M. Culbertson, D. O., treasurer, 865 Superior street, Appleton.

Kansas Osteopaths Meet

[From the Topeka Capital.]

The Kansas State Osteopathic Society closed its semi-annual meeting here yesterday morning. The last session was held early as many of the members left on the morning trains for Kansas City, where they will confer with the Kansas City Osteopaths concerning legislation on certificates. The Osteopaths of Kansas and Missouri are desirous of getting some kind of laws passed which will permit doctors to move from one state to another without taking out new certificates. The following papers were read at the meeting:

President C. E. Hulett, "Ethics;" Dr. White, Holton, "Lumbago;" Dr. Bennison, Clay Center, "Hay Fever;" Dr. Kalbfleisch, Newton, "Spinal Nerves;" Dr. McPike, "Rheumatism;" Dr. Doane, Parsons, "Nervousness;" Dr. Fitzgerald, Parsons, "The Eye and Ear;" Dr. Amor, Emporia, "Hip Joint Diseases," and Dr. Harney, Osage City, "The Throat and Chest."

Dr. E. L. Kalbfleisch, of Newton, was elected to the board of trustees to succeed Dr. Wade Dunn, of Manhattan, who resigned recently on account of his removal from the state. The officers of the society are as follows:

Dr. C. E. Hulett, Topeka, president; Dr. P. H. White, Holton, vice president, and Dr. H. K. Pennison, Clay Center, secretary.

There were nineteen members of the society in Topeka to attend this meeting. The next meeting will be held in Topeka next May. The election of new officers and all other yearly business will be taken up at that meeting.—Sept. 19.

Small But Enthusiastic in Montana

The Montana Association of Osteopaths met in Helena September 3, at the Grandon Hotel. In the absence of Dr. J. C. Burton, president of the association, the meeting was called to order at 10:30 o'clock by Dr. Asa M. Willard, of Dillon. Dr. Prickett, secretary, also being absent, Dr. Browne was appointed secretary pro tem.

The invocation was offered by Rev. S. B. McClelland, of Boulder, Mont. The minutes of the last session were read and approved. Dr. Asa M. Willard then read a most interesting and helpful paper on "Appendicitis," which was dis-

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cussed by all present. At the 1:30 session a helpful discussion of the "Duties of the Individual Practitioner to the Profession" followed. Dr. E. V. Strong made the report of the committee appointed to purchase a testimonial for Mr. W. S. Hedges for his able work for the passage of the Osteopathic bill.

One hundred copies of the constitution of the M. O. A. were ordered printed for distribution. The session then adjourned to Broadwater for supper and the election of officers. The following were elected:

President, Dr. Asa M. Willard, of Dillon; vice president, Dr. C. W. Mahaffay, of Helena; secretary, Dr. Ina F. Browne, of Great Falls; treasurer, Dr. E. V. Strong, of Helena. The board of trustees, Drs. Browne, Strong and Willard.

Those in attendance at the meeting were: Dr. Asa Willard, of Dillon; Dr. R. V. Hogsett, of Butte; Dr. I. M. Beatie, of Lewiston; Dr. E. V. Strong, Dr. C. W. Mahaffay, of Helena, and Mrs. Ina F. Browne, of Great Falls.

A letter from Mr. Hedges, recognizing the gift presented, was read by Dr. Strong. The meeting adjourned to meet at Helena September 3, 1904.

DR. INA F. BROWNE,
Secretary.

Great Falls, Mont.

Notice Members Illinois Osteopathic Association

In the event of Dr. Mary E. Kelley leaving the state and tendering her resignation as secretary and treasurer of the "Illinois Osteopathic Association," notice is hereby given of the appointment of Dr. Lola L. Hays, of Wyanett, Ill., who will succeed Dr. Kelley for the ensuing year. All communications, dues, membership fees, etc., should be addressed to Dr. Lola L. Hays, secretary and treasurer I. O. A., Wyanett, Ill.

The attention of every Osteopath in the state is called to "The Osteopathic Year-Book," which

the trustees of the A. O. A. at the Cleveland meeting made contract with Wm. R. Dobbyn & Sons, of Minneapolis, Minn., to publish. This Year-Book will contain, among other things, a directory of every member of the profession, whether or not he is a member of the state association of the state in which he is practicing.

If you are a member of the I. O. A. and have not paid up your dues, or if you are not a member and wish to be affiliated with the state association do so at once and be listed in this directory as a member, in good standing, of your state organization.

In accepting the resignation of Dr. Mary E. Kelley, who goes to Detroit, will say, she takes with her the best wishes of the I. O. A. Her removal from the state means that Illinois will lose and Michigan gain an Osteopath of the first water. The appreciation of Dr. Kelley's services to the association has been manifested by her election to the office of secretary and treasurer for three out of the four years of its existence. Dr. Herman F. Goetz, formerly of Quincy, was the first secretary and treasurer, and in answer to letters sent out by him the first meeting of the Illinois Osteopaths was held and a permanent state association organized.

I. O. A. has been an active and progressive association for the four years of its existence, holding annual meetings at Galesburg, Chicago, Peoria and Bloomington. It succeeded in passing two Osteopathic bills in the legislature which were vetoed by Governors Tanner and Yates. The work laid out by the association at the Bloomington meeting will require the cooperation of every member. The state has been divided into districts for the organization of societies. An Osteopath will be appointed from each district to organize the Osteopaths and shall be known as the counselor for that district. Let each member put a shoulder to the wheel, support the district, state and national associations and get into line every Osteopath in the state before the next annual meeting at Springfield, and when we attend the World's Fair on Osteopathy Day and our historians are sifting the events of that memorable occasion, let none be more important than that of the I. O. A. having the largest state organization represented. Fraternally,

J. D. CUNNINGHAM,
Pres. I. O. A.

Personal and Professional

Dr. Charles L. Marstellar, of Youngstown, O., married Miss Henrietta Clegg July 28.

A nine-pound baby girl was born September 24 to Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Rhynsburger, 218 Salem avenue, Dayton, O.

Dr. Elizabeth Broach, recently of Hot Springs, Ark., has become professor of gynecology and obstetrics in the Ohio College of Osteopathy at Chillicothe.

Dr. and Mrs. Henry Broughton Sullivan have been at home at 39 Grummond avenue, Detroit, since October 1. Mrs. Sullivan, nee Dr. Mary H. Kelly, will continue in practice with her husband.

Dr. Norman D. Mattison, 16 Central Park West, New York city, is pursuing a medical course at one of Gotham's medical schools in addition to conducting a limited practice in partnership with his brother, Dr. Albert Mattison.

Dr. Harry W. Forbes, of the S. S. Still College of Osteopathy, called on "The O. P." on a recent visit to this city. These chats with the Osteopathic pilgrims, coming and going through Chicago, are always much appreciated by the editor.

Dr. Clara E. Sullivan, graduate of the Southern School of Osteopathy, formerly assistant to Dr.

Doneghy, of Wheeling, W. Va., has formed a partnership with Dr. B. A. Willaims for practice in Nashville, Tenn. The doctor's address is No. 110 North High street.

Dr. L. Willard Walker and Franz Joseph Horn have located in London, England, for the practice of Osteopathy. Their address is No. 1 Hay Hill, Berkeley square. Success to them in introducing the new American school of rational medicine to the good Britishers.

Miss Fanneal Harrison, A. S. O., was the subject of a special sketch by Marie Alice Phillips in the Atlanta Journal of recent date under the title "The First Atlanta Woman to Become an Osteopath." It was a good ad. for Dr. Harrison, and a good one for Osteopathy.

Dr. L. N. Turner, of Savannah, Ga., suffered the loss of his father Wednesday morning, September 30, after years of illness and suffering. Exhaustion was the main cause. For years he had suffered with Fic donlorneux. The parting is hard, but it was the only way for relief.

Dr. Robert W. Connor, of New Orleans, La., dropped in to talk shop with the editor last week, while taking his summer trip. A lot of wisdom about the business and politic end of practice fell from his lips unknowingly, which, in due time, will be dished up in these columns palatably.

Dr. Suenora Whiteside, of Tennessee, a graduate of the Southern School of Osteopathy, is now associated with Dr. Roark, of Waltham, Mass. Like Dr. Roark, Dr. Whiteside will be connected with the Massachusetts College of Osteopathy, in the field of diseases of children. Dr. Roark has recently taken a larger suite at the Lawrence.

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A History of Osteopathy To Be Published

Dr. E. R. Booth, of Cincinnati, has announced to the profession his intention of writing a history of Osteopathy, which he hopes will appear before the next meeting of the A. O. A. at St. Louis. He has informed us of his plan in the following letter:

THE OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIAN, Chicago, Ill.

Dear Doctor—I take pleasure in sending you the inclosed circular relating to my proposed History of Osteopathy.

I do not enter upon this task from mercenary motives. Time, labor and money will be necessary to do this work as I know it ought to be done. Circumstances permitting, I propose to contribute these elements. If I do not get enough in return to compensate me for the outlay, I will have my reward in the consciousness of having performed a duty that I believe I owe my profession.

Any publicity, through your journal or otherwise, that you can give to my purpose, and anything you can say concerning my fitness for such a task, will be appreciated. Also any information for the book.

Yours, most truly,

E. R. BOOTH, D. O.

Cincinnati, September 18.

Dr. Booth's circular to the profession states:

I have received many requests within the last six months to write a History of Osteopathy. It has been urged that such a book ought to be published during the life of those familiar with the early history of our science—its origin, its battles for recognition, its triumphs. Osteopathy has passed through the experimental stage, and now is the time to make permanent record of its work during the first decade of its public existence.

To make such a history accurate and as complete as possible, the cooperation of those familiar with its growth to the present time is necessary. I already have a large amount of material available for this work, gleaned from many sources, much of it obtained during my recent tour of inspection of the Osteopathic colleges. But I want everything that can be used to make the history such a record as will prove to be a source of information to the present generation, and a fund from which the future historian can draw a portion of his supplies with absolute confidence.

I most respectfully solicit information, such as will stand scrutiny, from all into whose hands this circular may fall. Do not consider any facts you possess valueless. Everything relating, in any way, to the history of osteopathy might be of inestimable value to those who will carry forward our work after we have ceased to labor. I would also like to have the name and post-office address of all persons who might be able to give facts, incidents, personal experience, or other interesting information relating to Dr. A. T. Still and the early history of Osteopathy.

This history will be published in book form, with first-class typographical work, good paper and binding, and will be sold at a price that will place it within reach of every Osteopath, every friend of Osteopathy, and every one desirous of knowing what modern science is doing towards revolutionizing the healing art. It will probably contain a chapter for each of the following subjects: Dr. Andrew Taylor Still. Development of Osteopathy. Osteopathic Schools. Osteopathic Legislation. Osteopathy and the Courts. Osteopathy and the People. Osteopathy and the Medical Profession. The American Osteopathic Association. State Osteopathic Societies and Local Organizations. Osteopathic Journals. Possibly a chapter for each of the following subjects may be inserted: Landmarks in the History of Medical Practice. Drugging in Medical Practice. Other Procedures than Drug-

ging in Medical Practice. The Principles and Practice of Osteopathy.

With the aid of the competent assistance I will have in my office during the coming year, I expect to be able to publish this proposed History of Osteopathy before the meeting of the American Osteopathic Association in 1904. In order to do this, all information must be sent in promptly. Please let me hear from you at your earliest convenience.

E. R. BOOTH, D. O.,

601-603 Traction Bldg., Cincinnati, O.

September, 1903.

This work is timely and will elicit the approval of Osteopaths everywhere. Dr. Booth is the man for the task and enjoys exceptional qualifications and advantages for making a success of the undertaking. Success to you, Doctor, and we bespeak the cooperation you deserve.

Will You Help Dr. Ashmore?

Dr. Edythe Ashmore, trustee of the A. O. A., who has succeeded Dr. Hazzard in the compilation of case reports for the profession, has an interesting appeal for aid in this edition. Now, if the Osteopathic profession ever intends to collect a literature pertaining to practice, it is time we all got busy and quit monkeying over this proposition. That we ought to have case reports as a foundation for our scientific literature is a cinch. But who will prepare this data? Two persons—yourself and Dr. Ashmore. You send in the initial data in the best form you can and Dr. Ashmore will attend to editing it and the publishing. But your work is first necessary; practitioners. Dr. Ashmore, as an old newspaper worker, is just the person to make a success of this work, and she will furnish the hard labor if you will give the data to work on. Read what Dr. Ashmore has to say and then set about helping her. Your time will be well invested for yourself and the whole profession.

By Professor Riddell in November's "O. H."

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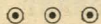
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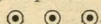


About Courtesies Between Osteopaths

"Dear Dr. Bunting: Let me say that every word of roasting you gave the 'skunk' D. O.'s in 'THE O. P.' of recent issue is O. K. And I want to congratulate Dr. Hulett also for his open letter in your April number. It was to the point. We have the same kind in Bloomington. But ethical behavior is too uncommon in our profession. We are in receipt of a bill for \$50 from Dr. E. H. Beaven, of Cedar Rapids, Ia., for treating Mrs. Pitts' mother twenty-five times from March 17 to April 17, 1903. Such unprofessional 'slugging' ought not to be and must not continue, if our science is ever to develop worthy of the admonitions of its founder, Andrew Taylor Still. Yours, for a higher professional standard and closer fellowship.

EUGENE PITTS, D. O.

Bloomington, Ill., Sept. 1.



Believes Lesions Invariable

Whilst reading your creditable publication, I have watched with much interest the various opinions advanced by graduates under Dr. A. T. Still—who almost to a man hold to "the lesion idea"—and the sometime grotesque adjuncts advocated by those of other Osteopathic institutions, and I have finally been forced to the conclusion that there is something lacking in the Osteopathy imbibed outside of Kirksville. These people who are so persistently chopping away at their Osteopathic bill are not Osteopaths, they are a sort of trained nurse.

I have always believed that my inability to find a lesion was my fault—not the fault of Osteopathy, and I am of that opinion still. We read the ridiculous idea advanced by a credited graduate that no lesion other than a mental lesion existed in a certain case. May I ask: "What material cause developed the mental lesion?" No effect without a cause, you know.

Another claims that no lesion he could locate occasioned gall-stone colic; he brought relief by colonic flushing; will he ask me to believe that the colonic flushing corrected the hepatic congestion, or Anemia, which his flushing counteracted temporarily? I hope not.

In some publications we read of heart disease without apparent lesions being relieved by pressure on the Hypogastric plebus and now the "woman treats herself." Certainly, on second thought, the practitioner won't force us to accept her idea that no lesion or disturbance of the mechanical structure existed which caused the heart disturbance! I am of the opinion that

if there is no lesion, either osseous or structural, there is no heart disease, no mental lesion, no gall-stone colic, etc., but, instead, there is perfect health—in short, if there were none of these lesions, we Osteopaths would be engaged in other vocations. I think some of us should be at the present time.

I know that there is ample work for the Osteopath, and if he must also needs usurp the function of the trained nurse, that is his prerogative, but he must not rail against lesions, simply because he has found none, because he is lacking in skill.

The Osteopathic structure has its corner stone resting on the lesion, and you cannot budge it. A hundred years from now the structure will be colossal, but without question the same dissensions will be heard then—the few who charge the system with being defective, when the cause rather lies with themselves. It was ever thus.

JOSEPH H. SULLIVAN, D. O.

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"What Are Osteopathic Adjuncts?"

There being some difference of opinion on the subject of "Adjuncts," "True Blues," etc., I would like to ask what is meant by an "adjunct?" I take it to mean anything aside from Osteopathic manipulations. If so, how many D. O.'s are there who do not use them? I think our method should be to satisfy ourselves as to the nature of the case, whether there is a "marked lesion" or not; then apply pure "A. T. Still" Osteopathy; give it a fair trial; then, if we fail to bring about the desired result, use some "adjunct."

I am surprised to find, in this enlightened age, men, teachers, healers, etc., who will stand up and proclaim to the world that they have THE ONLY way to solve a problem or cure a case of sickness.

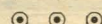
Do the "true blues" omit the use of the diet

or bath in case of typhoid fever, etc? If not, don't they use "adjuncts?" And after they fail Osteopathically (if they ever do) to relieve the condition, do they turn the case over to a brother practitioner—D. O. or M. D.—rather than give an enema or a bath as an experiment?

I believe we should be broad enough to admit that there is more than one way to solve most problems; at the same time, we should be narrow enough to give Osteopathy the first as well as the fair trial, before giving up the case, or rushing into "adjuncts," or calling in the surgeon or "pill doctor."

W. D. ENGELKE, D. O.

Lake City, Minn., Aug. 1.



A Bunco Insurance Man

I wish to warn the Osteopathic profession of a man claiming to be agent for various insurance companies, who wants to make you their local physician. And in order to receive the appointment you must become a member of the company represented, which will cost you five dollars down and one dollar per month dues. He called on me, claiming to be agent for the Sick Benefit and Accident Department of the "Equitable" Insurance company, using the name of Dr. Waite, of St. Louis as their physician, and said that he had recently moved there from Jacksonville, Ill., on the strength of his appointment with their company, which pays him \$125 per month to look after their sick and accidents. He informed me that he would have a number of agents at work in our city within a few days, and wanted to appoint me their local physician, on terms as above mentioned. I "got busy;" told him I would consider his proposition; and asked him to call again. I immediately phoned to a local insurance firm and asked them if the "Equitable" Insurance company had a sick benefit and accident department, and found that they did not.

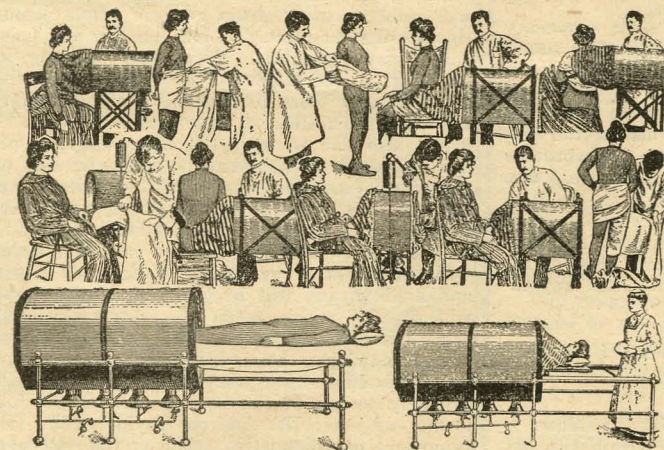
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insurance agent again until four days after his visit to my office. A letter came to my desk from Dr. Herrick, of Pontiac, stating that there had been a man to call on him by the name of Curtis, claiming to be field agent for the United States Accident Insurance company, and who represented that he had appointed me as their physician in Bloomington, and wanted to make Dr. Herrick the same in Pontiac. Dr. Herrick's inquiries were answered truthfully, and so he was not buncoed, either. This communication is submitted so that Osteopaths over the state may be on their guard. Have him arrested for fraud if he shows up. J. D. CUNNINGHAM, President Illinois Osteopathic Association. Bloomington, Ill., September 5.

Lesions

Webster, quoting Duglison as authority, defines a lesion, "Any morbid change in the exercise of functions or the texture of organs." Accepting this as true, it is manifest that we may generalize lesions into two great classes:

First—Those due to causes operating from within.

Second—Those due to causes operating from without.

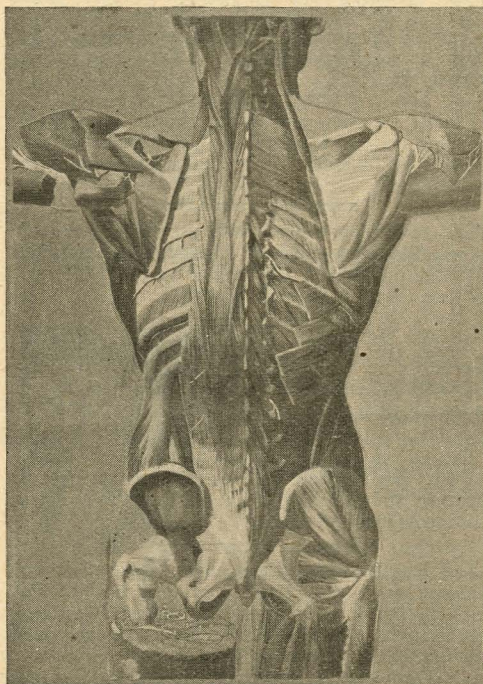
To the first class belong all lesions traceable to heredity, as well as those directly resulting from acquired organic disease.

To the second class would belong all infirmities resulting from mechanical and other injuries. It would serve no good purpose to enumerate by name the various lesions that are likely to come under the eye of the practitioner. Suffice it to say that as long as the distinction above indicated is borne in mind as affecting the course of treatment that should be pursued in each case, no serious mistake is likely to be made, or undesirable consequences to result. Without entering into any discussion of the pros and cons of the question of heredity, I think all practitioners will agree with me in this, that those lesions are most inflexible and obstinate whose causes so successfully elude detection that we must be content to accept heredity as the only solution of the problem; and whether our conclusion be wrong or right, it is certain that the course of treatment which nearly accords with the philosophy of heredity is productive of the best results.

Not infrequently do we find in this class of cases that an infirmity which is distinctly local in manifestation is most emphatically general in its cause. I recall a case wherein the lesion consisted of an unwillingness of the muscles of the right wrist to perform their functional activities. After pursuing the course of treatment prescribed by our best practitioners, and which has proved abundantly successful in cases apparently similar, I found that at the end of the course conditions were practically the same as at the beginning. I learned incidentally that both parents of the patient had been similarly affected. I at once changed my tactics and substituted, for my former methods, energetic constitutional treatment, which in a great measure ignored the local character of the lesion altogether. In a very short time the general health of the patient was materially improved, and the wrist debility became a thing of the past. But, as an isolated case is probably not sufficient to give a coloring of probability to any theory, I have simply referred to the above incident as one of a great many in my experience, which emphasizes the fact that thousands of lesions, local in manifestation, are general in their origin.

The opponents of the doctrine of heredity admit that a weakness of organs or susceptibility to certain diseases may be inherited. This concession, meager though it may be, is sufficient for my purpose. Disease, like water, follows the line of least resistance, and announces its presence in the organisms at the most vulnerable point; not unfrequently, however—indeed, I am persuaded in the vast majority of cases—its headquarters are elsewhere, and our

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success or failure in its treatment depends upon our cognizance of the fact.

If I am correct in the principle above indicated, too great attention cannot be paid to increasing the power and activity of that life-giving fluid which permeates to the remotest recesses of the system, laden with nutriment for every organ, nerve and tissue. After years of active practice, I have a profound conviction that if the Osteopath can maintain a healthy activity of the circulatory apparatus, and direct all his energy to that end, his efforts in every case, where a cure is within the range of possibility, will be crowned with success.

Relative to lesions due to causes operating from without, or rather resulting from external causes, a judicious use of such means and appliances as modern surgery deems appropriate, coupled with such Osteopathic care and treatment as the circumstances demand embodies all that would be pertinent to say in a paper such as this.
DR. W. A. McCLARAN,
Duluth, Minn.

Does Osteopathic Health Fill Its Field?

Dr. E. C. White, Watertown, N. Y.—"I consider your journal the best for field use. I could not get along without it."

Drs. Ayers & Ayers, David City, Neb.—"We believe 'O. H.' the best magazine to instruct the public that is published to-day."

Dr. R. L. Farris, Houston, Texas.—"Thanks to you for the complimentary September 'O. H.' The article on appendicitis is superb. Of all Osteopathic literature 'O. H.' comes first with me."

Dr. L. N. Turner, Savannah, Ga.—"I am doing well, and attribute much of my success to the good reading in 'O. H.' I have had but two days' vacation this summer, although summer is supposed to be a dull season."

Dr. Emilie L. Greene, Detroit, Mich.—"Dear Doctor: OSTEOPATHIC HEALTH is a magazine to be proud of and I have just had all back journals and HEALTHS for the past three years bound. They look well, and read well."

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To Compare the Man to Monkey

Shades of the Darwinian theory are to be revived at Still College of Osteopathy. The senior class will dissect a full-grown baboon and compare his nervous construction with his second cousin—man. A representative of the Street Railway company has presented to the class a full-sized, full-grown animal for the purpose of scientific demonstration, and the work will commence at once. The present was made to Prof. George E. Moore, teacher of physiology. It has been suggested that the animal be stuffed and preserved. It may then be presented to the college as a class memorial.

Artistic Short Articles Are Invited

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EDITORIAL.

"Hew to the line, let chips fall where they will."

Now take it to the Supreme Court!

'Rah for World's Fair day at St. Louis!

Everybody, be getting ready to greet "Pap" at St. Louis!

It is nothing new for a Foraker baby to raise Cain with the medical men.

These state meetings have come to be great features in the lives of practitioners.

Bad news from Alabama contains another potent argument—take it to the Supreme Court.

How awful it must seem to a medical society for one of its members to consult with an Osteopath!

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Why make further fights in state legislatures when the issue may be settled once and for good in the United States Supreme Court?

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Wasn't that little article on "Three Ways to Put Out a Fire," by Dr. Bowling a peach? We would like more in such style and brevity.

After a visit to Osteopathic colleges from ocean to ocean Dr. Booth is in a good position to write an intelligent history of this Osteopathic movement.

Twelve months past have shown wonderful progress in organization in Osteopathic ranks. Keep it up, doctors. Don't let a single state go unorganized.

The practitioner who finds getting acquainted in his field slow work is invited to correspond with the publishers, who will have practical suggestions to offer.

Watch the steady elevation of the editorial standard each month in OSTEOPATHIC HEALTH. An evolution is on and you should be watching it.

The editor will be pleased to receive short, snappy, bright, lucid articles on Osteopathy for entrance in OSTEOPATHIC HEALTH'S Prize Essay competition.

The length of whiskers on a cocoanut is no evidence as to the amount of milk on the inside—neither is a many-paged and much-winded field pamphlet indicative of its value to pull patients.

We will not send out sample copies of OSTEOPATHIC HEALTH for November, but if single order patrons wish to inspect its merits before ordering we will be pleased to mail a copy on request.

The Agricultural Department's Crop Bulletin for 1903 might report the over-planting of Osteopathic colleges as up to the usual excess, with conditions unfavorable for any real harvest to anybody.

Recently Minesota, Nebraska, Montana and Michigan all had great love feasts. The state which does not have its meetings annually, or oftener, misses some of the great privileges of practice.

OSTEOPATHIC HEALTH is dedicated to the proposition that a practitioner needs the most skillful sort of popular literature to advance his interests with the public.

To get one new member for the A. O. A. this year, to send one case report to Dr. Ashmore, of Detroit, and to remit your current subscription to THE O. P. is a good resolution to take and make good on!

The amalgamation of state associations with the A. O. A. is an important work for Dr. Hazard's administration, and should claim the attention of every practitioner. Use your influence to bring it about.

The Montana Osteopathic Association, with its half dozen members in attendance, but a rousing good third meeting at that, is an example for some other "poorly populated" states to imitate with profit.

As Christ loved the Pharisees despite their faults, we presume He has a warm place somewhere in his heart for the brazen members of the Cincinnati Academy of Medicine—but we wonder how He can really do it!

Why not try for OSTEOPATHIC HEALTH'S prize essay contest? You will notice shorter essays this year and no label that such contributions are prize essays. Handsome prizes are to be distributed at St. Louis.

Dr. Peckham's article on "Osteopathy and Child-Birth" in the October issue of OSTEOPATHIC HEALTH has received many warm eulogiums from the field. He promises another soon on "Osteopathy and the Baby."

How did you like Dr. Tasker's gem of satire on "People Who Like a Real Fight," in the October issue of OSTEOPATHIC HEALTH? That little story is a type of the sort we would welcome many of as contributions to OSTEOPATHIC HEALTH.

Here's to the Foraker-Matthews baby, who began her career by spreading consternation among the "whitened sepulchres" of the Cincinnati Academy of Medicine! Long may she wave! A promising daughter of an illustrious grandmother, surely!

Short—very short articles are wanted in the Prize Essay contest of OSTEOPATHIC HEALTH. Five hundred words will tell the whole story better than one thousand. The prizes awarded are handsome. Why don't you try for one of them?

A list of diseases successfully treated by Osteopathy will now be printed in your contract supply of OSTEOPATHIC HEALTH if you specifically request it. Not otherwise. See the announcement this month in the Publisher's Department.

Dr. Peckham's article on "Osteopathy and Childbirth" in the current "O. H." is proving deservedly popular with the field. Some "shop-talk" on the same subject will be found in this number of "THE O. P.," which contains good advice for many practitioners.

Take up this legal issue to the Supreme Court of the United States. Further parleying over statutes that are ephemeral—and any day may be repealed, altered or declared unconstitutional—is now pretty much a waste of time. The issue can be handled once for all at Washington, D. C.

The profession has had enough experimentation along the line of starting new colleges and papers. There are more of both in the field than are enjoying adequate patronage. Support the best and develop them; quit sprouting mushroom rooms of all sorts; and the science and profession will be much better off for it.

For the Osteopath to conduct the various members of a family through their annual ills and then set back in his breechings where mother is to have her baby is simply running the race for popularity with the M. D., winning it hands down and then shying at the wire while the medic runs up and accepts the purse.

It is true that most everybody considers the conduct of child-birth cases as the top-notch expression of professional skill, and yet what a botch the M. D. with his ergot and forceps so often makes of it! There is every reason why the Osteopath should accept these cases as far as his circumstances will permit, as is advised by Dr. Mercer in an interview this month.

The Librarian of Congress wishes to complete his files of THE OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIAN, and will thank any Osteopath who can supply him with any one of the following missing copies: Vol. 2, Nos. 3, 4 and 5 inclusive, and May to October, 1902. We regret having no back numbers on hand except our own file and will appreciate any one's aid who can help out the Librarian of Congress, Washington, D. C.

If this proposed directory is to be published at all, make it a good one. A fake directory is the worst sort of a fraud and annoyance to everybody who has recourse to it for informa-

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tion. The only way to make a good one is for everybody to help the publishers with accurate data.

"Asthma Is a Nervous Disease," by Dr. William Smith—who is nothing if not good as an "explanationer," as Dr. Charley Still used to say of a certain Dutchman—is calculated to show that old abandoned chronic sufferers are cured as well as acute cases. This article makes the reader understand something of both the physiology and pathology of Asthma and that Osteopathic diagnosis and cure are new in medical annals.

I would like very much to see a well-edited, well-digested volume of Osteopathic case reports come out before the end of the year—wouldn't you? Just think—thirteen years of Osteopathic history, and it would be the very first! Queer, when you think about it, isn't it? Queer, but lamentably true. We have all been too busy—or too blamed lazy to attend to it—which? Dr. Edythe Ashmore, of 46 Valpey Building, Detroit, Mich., is now trying to do this work for us. Will you send her one good case?

Has Chicago Rival Osteopathic Societies?

[From the American.]

At a meeting of the directors of the Chicago and Cook County Osteopathic society held last night at Steinway hall the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: Dr. James B. Littlejohn, president; Dr. W. Burr Allen, secretary; Dr. W. E. Buehler, treasurer.

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Better affiliate with the Chicago Osteopathic association and pull together, if our purposes are the same, gentlemen. We need all the people we can muster in one society.

Dr. Booth's Book Will Be Welcome

The plan of Dr. Booth to publish a history of our science and do it at once is the kind of a proposition we like. Such pluck and determination deserves all the support and encouragement it asks. We will all be proud of such a work as Dr. Booth will produce. He is not the man to commit himself to a task of this sort without making good on it. "THE O. P." recommends that a lot of the earlier graduates—such "wheel-horses" of the old days as Dr. Sam Lander, the Drs. Bolles, Dr. J. H. Sullivan, Dr. Hildreth, Dr. Geo. J. Helmer and others—interest themselves specially in this task and furnish reminiscences and anecdotes galore. It will do much to make the book full of human interest.

Dr. Ashmore on Case Reports

Dr. H. S. Bunting, Editor of "THE O. P."—I want to ask your cooperation in the matter of case-reports which has fallen from our worthy Hazzard's shoulders upon mine. I find the task is all before me, for Dr. Hazzard had so limited a lot of material furnished him that it is no wonder he could do nothing with it. I want to get after the members of the profession and get out one or two volumes as supplements this year. Will you help me?

You may remember that at Milwaukee a year ago 100 rose and promised to send in, each one case. Well, just thirteen people responded, and eight of these were not present at Milwaukee, while one who was among that 100 got all the enthusiasm going, for he reported twenty-eight cases. You wait till I write Dr. Clarence Vincent Kerr, whose tall figure was prominent among those on the floor who "promised," and he is among the missing to-day when I look over the available reports!

Dr. Hazzard says in his letter, which you may quote: "I believe there is a great opportunity to do a fine work in this department if only the

profession will wake up and take an interest. A volume of case-reports, well gotten up, would be immensely valuable." Dr. Bunting, will you please lead off by sending me a few of your cases and then tell everybody else that it appeals to all as a duty that every D. O. ought to follow suit. I want to get out at least two supplements this year—but I cannot print one volume of any one person's cases.

Thanking you, sincerely,

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What We Have To Fight Against

[From Philadelphia North American.]

St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 7.

Dr. William Smith, Osteopath, 3394 Washington boulevard, this city, gave out a statement to-day to Circuit Attorney Folk that caused the famous prosecutor to stare in amazement.

"Speaking about boodle in Missouri," said Dr. Smith, "it is nothing to be compared to boodle in Pennsylvania. Boodle is wide open there. I know it was money that beat the so-called Osteopathic bill in the Pennsylvania Legislature.

"I believe if the prosecuting officials of that state will do their duty, we won't have to submit to sandbagging next time. All that we wanted was a law similar to the Missouri law, which gives us representation on the State Board of Examiners, permits us to sign burial certificates and grants certain other privileges.

"The Pennsylvania House of Representatives kindly granted me the privilege of the floor one Wednesday at the last session. After I had spoken a small, elderly man came to me and said:

"Doctor, there is one thing I want to say to you. You fellows ought to get up a purse. It will take \$1,800 for you to get eight votes here in the house."

"Well, would it be a sure thing if we would put up the money?" I inquired, in an effort to lead him on.

"It is a solid bunch; the men in it are all right."

"There is no use in talking to me about it," I said. "I am from Missouri and have on particular interest in this bill except from an Osteopathic standpoint."

"I hope Pennsylvania will take it up, and if they do, the following Osteopathic doctors will substantiate my story: Dr. J. Ivan Dufur, of Philadelphia; Dr. Vastine, of Harrisburg; Dr.

Frank Hein, of Pittsburg, and a number of others.

"I am willing to go before any grand jury and tell these facts and a number of others."

An Osteopath Restores Sight

[From the Rochester (N. Y.) Herald.]

New York, Sept. 29.—As if by a miracle, George Bockoven, of Mount Freedom, N. J., has recovered his sight, after being almost totally blind for nearly ten years. Eminent eye specialists had told him his case was hopeless, but to-day he was hauling lumber on his farm.

Bockoven's case is one of two cases that have centered attention on a young Osteopath who practices on the Lorenz method. He is Dr. Charles E. Parrish, who located in Morristown, N. J., two years ago. George Lewis, of Morristown, who was totally blind for nearly two years, and whose sight was restored by Dr. Parrish, was at work to-day at his old vocation of painter. Two weeks ago he was blind.

Dr. Parrish discovered that the third vertebrae in Bockoven's neck was out of place. He said this was responsible for loss of sight. He had to manipulate the bones of the neck and shoulder for three months before he finally got them loosened up so that he could set the vertebrae back in its place.

The result was almost instantaneous. Bockoven's eyes had been colorless, but in a moment the blood began to flow, and little arteries in the eye showed red for the first time in years. From that time on his improvement was rapid. Now Bockoven sees as well as anyone.

Good Cheer From Philadelphia

[From the Phila. Journal of Osteopathy.]

One of the greatest needs of Osteopathy is the mutual acquaintance of its disciples. This can best be attained by association. The National Association should be supported. Every living Osteopath should be a member of it, and should read its official journals. Dr. Evans has done well in his editorship; but he could do better with more capital and more contributions. It takes money to publish. Subscriptions will bring the money. An able article on some live subject will help its columns. The editor of this Journal pleads derelict in all these things, but he hopes to do better in the future. The "Official Bulletin of the Association" is bright, breezy and buoyant. Dr. Bunting drives a sharp stylus, and we like THE OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIAN very much. We expect to look to it now for news.

Badgers Incorporate

Articles of incorporation have been filed in the secretary of state's office at Madison, as follows: The Wisconsin State Osteopathic Association, with headquarters at Milwaukee; its purpose is "to advance the science of Osteopathy, secure for it a deserved recognition, and to maintain a professional spirit among its practitioners without capital;" incorporators, Edwin J. Elton, J. F. McNary and Leslie E. Cherry.

Is Now the Custom to Incorporate

Articles of incorporation were filed with the county recorder by the Iowa Osteopathic Association, which is to have Des Moines as its principal place of business. The object of the organization is to promote the welfare of the science of Osteopathy. The officers, until the first annual election which shall be held in June, 1904, are named as: President, J. S. Boughman; first vice president, F. W. Bechly; second vice president, S. B. Miller; secretary, Ella R. Gilmour, and treasurer, L. O. Thompson. The board of trustees is made up of C. L. Parsons, J. E. Owen, E. E. Westfall, A. S. Craig, J. R. Bullard and G. H. Gilmour.—Des Moines Leader, July 1.

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Dr. F. E. Corwin, Park City, Mont.—"I know I am negligent, but should not have been so in this matter. Enclosed find stamps for 'THE O. P.' I must have it."

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"I have been reading 'The O. P.' since last September, and must say I regard it as almost indispensable in keeping in touch with the profession at large."—Dr. W. D. Engelke, Lake City, Minn.

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"Notify me when my subscription expires, as I wish to subscribe again. I regard 'The O. P.' as the most valuable one of all the Osteopathic monthlies."—Wm. L. Gilkison, Loo-gootee, Ind.

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"Your excellent papers, OSTEOPATHIC HEALTH and THE OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIAN, have now become such integral parts of the Osteopathic profession that we practitioners could not get along without them."—E. J. Bartholomew, Chicago.

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[From the St. Louis Democrat.]

Dr. J. F. Braun, the Osteopath, who formerly resided in Nashville, Ill., was released from the Washington county jail, where he had been confined four days. Dr. Braun was tried in the circuit courtroom, Squire Wehmeyer presiding, on the charge of practicing medicine without a license. Dr. Braun arrived in the courtroom that morning just as the case was called, but left before it had fairly begun and drove back to his home in Okawville. The trial continued, and he was fined \$100 and the costs by default. Word was sent to Okawville, where he was apprehended and brought back to this city. Upon his failure to pay the fine or give bond he was remanded to jail. He has secured sureties for his appeal bond and the case will now be taken to the circuit court.

Table of Contents of the November "Osteopathic Health"

Professor N. N. Riddell, the brilliant Chautauqua lecturer and author of psychological books, wrote one of the most lucid, just and convincing estimates of Osteopathy ever penned. That was done by him after spending a fortnight at Kirksville, where he lectured and came into the closest intimacy with Osteopathic students and practitioners; after himself receiving the benefits of Osteopathic treatment in a serious breakdown from overwork; and after following the course of Osteopathic history critically for more than a year. It was a paid article, copyrighted by "Osteopathic Health" and appeared nearly eighteen months ago under the title "A Comparison of the Three Great Systems of Healing." It was said at the time by many Osteopaths that this article was the most masterly tribute to Osteopathy that any public man had ever penned or spoken. That number was

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promptly exhausted and no later editions were printed, although inquiries for them came for months afterwards. Requests from the field to reprint "A Comparison of the Three Great System of Healing" have been numerous and insistent. We now yield to this request and give the field Dr. Riddell's excellent essay again as the leading article of our November issue.

In "A Comparison of the Three Great System of Healing" Professor Riddell shows with great acumen and analytical judgment the real position and importance of Osteopathy as a healing art in comparison with drug and mental therapeutics. Writing as a man of science and liberal views, he does not deny that other schools of healing than Osteopathy have their theories and cures that are entitled to recognition; but he drives it home that Osteopathy does so more assuredly than all the rest because of the correctness of its philosophy and the seeming miracles of its cures. He makes it plain that Osteopathy is par excellence the common-sense medicine.

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"Loose Bowels—A Study in Catarrh" is a very able, yet simple exposition, not only of Acute and Chronic Diarrhea and Dysentery, but incidentally of the broad field of Catarrhs in all mucous membranes. It is by Dr. Dain L. Tasker. He needs no introduction to Osteopaths. His lucid, convincing and entertaining style also needs no eulogium. His articles speak for him.

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Dr. Tasker shows the reader a little anatomy and physiology thoroughly popularized and lo! the subject is as clear as day that gland cells secrete the mucus while a little over-energy of nerve force or disturbance of blood supply is sufficient to make them work over-time and produce catarrh!

It is as plain as day by inference that Osteopathy can control catarrhal conditions, of the bowels or other mucous membranes, effectively and promptly, and with more reason than by trying to do it with drugs.

"Asthma"—the old enemy of mankind but so many times vanquished by Osteopathy—a type of those chronic conditions reached effectually and cured by Dr. Still's method when nothing else avails—that is subject of a good 1,000-word article by Dr. William Smith. Few writers on Osteopathic subjects have the grasp of facts and the relation of theories to facts characteristic of Dr. Smith, and certainly few possess his powers of expression. This article by him upon Asthma—which also considers Hay Fever, its twin affliction—is written in Dr. Smith's best vein and is convincing.

"The Bone of Contentment" is a chatty little confidence from a patient in which the name Osteopathy and the tenets of the school are skilfully elucidated. It is readable and will do the new acquaintance of Osteopathy good. It should make him quit saying the word Osteopathy is a misnomer.

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"I have been wanting a treatment for six months," said Dr. Mercer, "and now is my opportunity! How hungry a lone Osteopath's back gets for treatment out in this country where it is a day's journey to the next Osteopath! You D. O.'s of the more populated east don't know how blessed you are in being able to get together often and in having your reunions, programmes and interchanges of fellowship! Why, out here in the mountains, a fellow just hungers for professional association and an exchange of ideas. He feels half sick sometimes for somebody with whom he can talk over his cases and swap observations, experiences and theories."

"Why don't you get up an Idaho State association?" I asked Dr. Mercer.

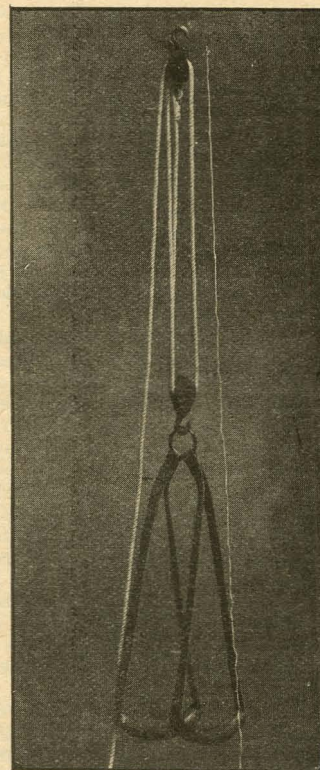
"Conditions are not ripe for it—there are not enough people yet to call together. I only know of seven other graduates of recognized schools in Idaho. These are, besides myself, S. R. Reightenauer, 69 Lonna Bldg., Boise City; H. D. Morris, First National Bank Bldg., Boise City; George W. Cleary, Noble Blk., Boise City; Mary A. Kingsbury, Pierce & Co. Bldg., Boise City; Robert Vallier, Pocatello; Benj. F. and E. S. Reisman, Mascon.

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"Besides, the proper degree of fellowship has not developed yet among ourselves. We scarcely know of each other and I have not seen any particular signs of wanting to get better acquainted. For my part I want and need most keenly to see something of the rest of the Osteopaths in Idaho, but I am afraid one of the first to locate in the state is a bit selfish in his attitude toward the balance—he doesn't care to be identified with newcomers, etc. It was said of him at first, at any rate, but I hope it is not so now.

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"What are your relations to the other medical practitioners?" I asked Dr. Mercer.

"At first they ignored me here at Hailey—would not recognize me as 'Doctor' when we met in public or the sick room, as occasionally happened. They told many ridiculous things about Osteopathy and were very insulting to some of their patients—who came to me. Some persons who wanted Osteopathic treatment were bullied by them into staying away. As I proved myself able in time to cure some of the doctors' most stubborn cases, they had eventually to change their tactics. At length I had occasion to require the assistance of a surgeon, and when I began to throw occasional fees into surgical hands there was a quick thaw and soon a real respect and friendliness. Now we all get along pleasantly and, I assure you, I like the situation much better."

"What measure of success have you been able to enjoy in a little mountain town like Hailey?" I asked.

"If you want accurate information my books will speak for themselves. I don't mind being entirely frank about my practice. I have worked hard and have been patient and feel that I am entitled to all I have gotten and I am satisfied with what measure of success has come to me. In eighteen months I have treated 319 patients, earned \$5,000 and collected \$4,000 of it. That is better than the M. D.'s here do on collections. While I have not collected but about 20 per cent. of my fees up to date, the medics do not collect to exceed about 20 per cent. of what they charge for their services, I am told, while a share of my book accounts are good. I came out of A. S. O. without money, in debt and in feeble health, and my wife also was in wretched health. In eighteen months I now own my own little home—which you will see is as nice as any home in Hailey—and I am in much better health and am stronger physically despite hard practice. If my experience will interest or encourage any undergraduates or practitioners just seeking a foothold, I do not mind your repeating it. The only thing I have to deplore is that Mrs. Mercer's health is not improved here and I fear that my location is not favorable to her condition which is a heart affection. The altitude here is about 5,000 feet."

"What message have you through 'THE O. P.' for the balance of the profession, Doctor?"

The mountain Osteopath scarcely made pause. "Go in for acute cases," he said. "By all means, Osteopaths—especially in the smaller cities and towns—push your practice in acute cases. Osteopathy is grand in acute practice. ENCOURAGE OBSTETRICAL CASES. Seek them. Don't be afraid of them if you are new at obstetrical work. The sooner you take hold, the better. It will make you friends and patients who will hang on to you for life with undying gratitude and affection. I don't believe that any class of practice is so grateful to the doctor as the friends made in child-birth cases—especially when conducted Osteopathically."

"Besides, it is logical that the family physician should be able to conduct the mother of the household through her maternity period. If the Osteopath is going to step aside then and let the foxy M. D. supplant him, where does the D. O. wind up in the end? As second fiddle, of course—as a good enough sort of 'institution' in his way, perhaps, but not to be regarded as really equal to the issues of child-birth—that is the conception in the lay mind if the Osteopath retires in any crisis for the M. D.; and it loses many a worthy Osteopath the best fruits of a year, or years, of practice in that family, whether he realizes it at the time or not. I have made many of my best friends and supporters in obstetrical practice. So will any Osteopath."

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Every month from some quarter or other we receive letters betraying a strange confusion in the minds of practitioners between the identities of OSTEOPATHIC HEALTH and THE OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIAN. Strange as it may seem, some doctors get the two papers confused and in their correspondence with us say grotesque things arising out of this strange misapprehension.

For instance, we quoted a short time ago the letter of an eastern practitioner, a woman, who thought THE O. P. would be better without any slang in it "because it would impress her patients better!" Perhaps a dozen letters received by us, as well as conversations held with practitioners at Cleveland, betray the fact that such a confusion is not as rare as one would suppose.

For the benefit of those who may not have perused many numbers of these papers we therefore wish to make a statement.

OSTEOPATHIC HEALTH is a paper for the people and contains nothing that the most conservative or most fastidious layman or woman could take offense at. It NEVER USES SLANG. It is edited to win the interest, confidence and approval of the public for you and your practice in your community, if you use it as field literature. It does not contain any features which we think any fair-minded person—practitioner or layman—can rightfully criticize severely or take offense at. Inasmuch as it is edited for just one purpose—to be the best field literature written for the Osteopath—it looks as if its editor ought to be able to accomplish that mission—does it not? It seems so to him, at least, and the testimony of hundreds of D. O.'s in the field assures him that in this ambition he is successful.

You are especially requested to remember, new readers, that OSTEOPATHIC HEALTH never has a line in it of debate, dispute or rancorous tilts-at-arms between schools, practitioners or anybody. It makes no allusions to quarrels or differences of opinion. It prints simon-pure Osteopathy, in the best and most simple, chaste English—that's all. Is not this fact worth the practitioner's knowing?

Now cross the dividing line.

THE OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIAN is for you—not your patients. It is nothing if not

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virile and strenuous. It is full of news and opinion. It prints both sides of whatever debates that interest Osteopaths generally. Therefore it contains much of argument and contest, but not anything rancorous. IT OFTEN USES SLANG. Why? Because it is not printed for its literary merit, as OSTEOPATHIC HEALTH is, and because slang is forcible as a rule when it steals into one's utterances. We nearly all of us use slang to some extent in our personal and confidential relations with each other. It is certainly informal and THE O. P. wants to be informal. It is plain and direct, even blunt, and often saves words; and THE O. P. does not mind possessing these virtues. It is oftentimes "pat," and the average editor is not averse to cultivating that quality in his phrasing.

But, Doctor, this example is not to be imitated by you in your intercourse with your patients. Never! Never use slang in talking with a patient. It is too informal, too undignified. A professional man or woman must impersonate dignity to the dear public. It won't do to put it aside ever. So do not imitate THE O. P. when you address your patients, but, like OSTEOPATHIC HEALTH, be circumspect, cautious, cultured.

Among ourselves in THE O. P., however, we can lay aside the conventionalities of life and be good fellows together. Don't take offense at it. It should be relaxation and recreation to you. If you go into the New York or Chicago Press Clubs—where you will find the men gathered for friendly chat or shop-talk who write many of the best books and edit the most dignified papers and magazines in the world—you will hear cyclones of slang—and they enjoy it. People who know how to use good English at the right moment are not afraid of unbending and slinging slang when the occasion justifies it!

But—don't ever think, please that OSTEOPATHIC HEALTH uses slangy speech, or takes liberties with the dear public, for it does not. It is edited for a different purpose and takes no chances—as you should not in talking with your patients.

Now, we trust, our newer readers have the difference between "O. H." and "THE O. P." clearly in mind, and we hope it will be a long time before another doctor accuses "O. H." unjustly of being free-and-easy or too radical. It is neither.

The Best Yet Among Affidavits

Apropos of the plan some few Osteopaths follow of having their admiring friends and patients make sworn statements concerning their state of health before and after treatment, etc., Dr. R. W. Connor gives us this document, furnished spontaneously by one of his ardent admirers. It is, of course, to be taken seriously—but must not go outside the profession:

"To Whom It May Concern:

"This is to certify that I have been a sufferer for the past 48 years with a complication of diseases, viz.: Skin diseases in various forms, rheumatism, nervous debility, dysentery, gout, affection of the carbolic-acid nerve, valarion tremens, bromidia, poverty, painful child-birth, and a number of other diseases peculiar to men; and can conscientiously say that after taking Osteopathic treatment from Dr. R. W. Connor for only three years and ten months, am in no worse condition than I was before I began treatment. I cheerfully recommend it to any one who has made his peace with God and is ready to leave this vale of chairs.

Yours very truly,

WM. P. HAYNES.

The affidavits circulated seriously by practitioners are not less funny for other reasons than such absurdities as are in this one. There is positively no limit to what the Grateful Patient will say for his doctor. I had a patient once who swore I cured him of goitre. He had possessed his goitre, which was of the

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fibrous sort, for 15 years, and I could not cure him. He believed I was doing it, notwithstanding, and proceeded to choke himself into a 16-inch collar, with the neck-band riding high above the swollen gland, and, thus disguised, told all his friends I had completely cured him! That was two years ago, but he is cheerfully lying out of loyalty to me yet, although I never encouraged his delusion, and even tried to get him to be honest with himself, but he would not. The tape showed his delusion. Affidavits from the sick, besides being unprofessional, are manifestly bad evidence, and seldom prove anything but devotion to their doctor. They swear for Dr. Dowie that he lengthens withered and shortened limbs as much as six to eight inches by prayer! No wonder then that "G. P." affi-

davits are regarded everywhere as testimonials of quackery.

Dr. Bynum Branches Out

[From the Memphis, Tenn., News.]

The directors of the Bynum Infirmary Osteopathy filed and recorded their application for a charter for that institution in the office of the county register.

The capital stock is placed at \$10,000, and the incorporators are H. R. Bynum, H. H. Mangum, R. C. Becket, A. J. Holroyd, A. M. McCreight and Calvin Perkins. The objects and purposes are stated to be the erection and maintenance of a hospital, infirmary and sanitarium for the treatment of all physical ailments that are not contagious or infectious.