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EDITORIAL.

THE VALUE OF CHIROPRACTIC.

The following extracts are taken from an address delivered by B. J. Palmer, who is at the head of the Palmer School of Chiropractic, Davenport, Iowa, U.S.A., and which is called the "Chiropractic Fountain Head". The address is copyrighted and bears the date of 1915, and is entitled "The Value of Chiropractic".

On page 2 we find this: "Reaching a quick conclusion, the philosophy, science and art of medicine, if it can be conceded to have any of these attributes through its process of diagnosis, prognosis and prescription, deals entirely with effects, always the effects of diseases, consequently never reaches a cause, never corrects that cause, and since the effect is the product of that cause, what can be medicine's value. In the last analysis, nil again. I might say, what the centuries of medical thought and action produced that is practical? Look over, if you will, the last three thousand years, what have they done that is extremely practical? After all has been said and done, where is there one idea that they are hanging onto that they hung onto fifty years ago? It is one constant kaleidoscopic effect, a moving picture panorama that changes from century to century."

In these words B. J. Palmer sets forth his views on medicine, and what it has accomplished. But just set against the foregoing statement the discovery of the circulation of the blood, the introduction of vaccination against the ravages of smallpox, the wonderful work that has been accomplished on the numerous infecting germs, the researches on the spread of contagious diseases, the treatment of hydrophobia, the use of antitoxin for the cure of diphtheria, the use of inoculation for the prevention of tetanus and typhoid fever, the marvels of modern aseptic sur-