

luxation, is so different from all theories of causation heretofore advanced that at first it may seem flagrantly erroneous and wholly untenable, but the truth of this view is readily proven.

This is quoted, almost textually, with approval in the *Progressive Chiropractor*, published in Toronto in August, 1914, by the Ontario Chiropractors' Association, at page 5.

The same idea is expressed in a communication from Leo W. Edwards, M.D., D.C., dated June, 1917, in which the following passage occurs:

The basic chiropractic idea is that the human body is a machine run by force called mental impulses, generated by the brain as electricity is generated by a dynamo. From the brain these mental impulses are transmitted through the spinal cord, over the nerves to the tissue cells located in every organ and part of the material body where this energy is expressed as the function for which the particular organ is intended. The flow of mental impulses from brain to tissue cell is continual; and there is also a return circulation from tissue cell to brain, completing the cycle, whereby pain, heat and other sensations are recorded in the brain. Even the medical man realizes that each organ of the body must be properly "innervated," but he does not recognize this circulation of mental impulses which can be proven by a study of its physiological and pathological action, because, like electricity, mental impulses are an invisible force whose exact nature is not understood. The chiropractor claims that as long as the circulation of mental impulses to every part of the body is normal in quantity and rate, health will be the result, but if the supply of mental impulses is cut off or hindered, function will be stopped or hindered in like degree. That is, each organ of the body can only function according to the amount of power it receives and hence a man is in a state of health or disease according to whether the nerves are transmitting mental impulses or not.

This is probably taken from a booklet called "Chiropractic," by Dr. Robbins, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., in which, on page 3, is the following:

Every individual has an innate (born with) and an educated intelligence. The innate intelligence is that inherent force or energy which controls and cares for the body from birth till death and is usually called nature, instinct, etc. It is this energy which controls every action and function, including the circulation, respiration, secretory, excretory, and assimilation. . . .

I have extracted these statements in order to indicate how impossible it would be to endeavor to assimilate chiropractic with our present system of medical education or practice.

A very clear illustration of the sort of instruction which may be picked up at a so-called chiropractic college is found in the evidence of one Pickles, taken at an inquest in St. Thomas, Ontario, in April, 1917, extracts from which are transmitted with this report. He was a farm hand, and took a correspondence course extending over three months, in which he wrote about twelve or thirteen letters, and received about the same number. He then went to the college in Sault Ste. Marie, carried on, in three rooms, under Dr. Robbins (from which I have quoted above), and spent two months there; heard lectures on anatomy, physiology and dietetics, and attended clinics—that is, saw treatment of patients, saw charts showing nerves, but did no dissection. This was his whole medical education, and on its conclusion, in 1912, he got a diploma as "Doctor," put out his sign, advertised and began practicing.

Dr. Palmer, in a pamphlet issued since he was heard before the Commission, says that the medical and the chiropractic courses are "as opposites as the poles."

An important statement was made by Dr. DuVal, that fake chiropractors have been produced in large numbers by bogus schools, of which I have cited an instance, and Mr. Backus, who appeared as counsel for the chiropractors, echoed this. If this be so, I am unable to reconcile it