quoted: "The principles of osteopathy take their natural beginning in the consideration of 'the lesion.'" Then he tells us that lesion is "any structural change which affects the functional activity of any tissue is called a lesion." Here the origin of disease is reduced to a purely mechanical cause. On page 41 he tells us that "the causes of lesions fall under two general divisions: First, violence: second, failure to react to environment." This, again, is entirely unsound.

But Tasker quotes the following as stating the truth: "In no case can anything appear in the form of disease which was not previously present in the body as a predisposition; external forces are able merely to make this predisposition apparent." If one, therefore, had no predisposition to typhoid fever he could not have it. At once this theory may be dismissed as most absurd.

On treatment this author lays down the following: "Thus we divide treatment into three divisions: (1) Manipulation for the purpose of correcting the malposition of any tissue, whether that tissue be bone or blood; (2) proper feeding, *i.e.*, dietetics; and (3) proper surroundings, *i.e.*, hygiene." If one sets aside dietetics and hygiene, common to all ideas of treatment, all that is left is "manipulation." This must be pronounced as most inadequate to meet all the conditions of disease.

In the announcement for 1917-18 of the American School of Osteopathy, Kirksville, Missouri, this is stated, page 39: "The general purpose of vaccination and serum therapy is to increase the activity of the antibody forming organs of the body. It has been demonstrated that the same results may be obtained by osteopathic treatment with out the use of serum-therapy, and that the results obtained are more satisfactory." This would logically mean that the manipulation treatment would render our soldiers immune to typhoid fever in a more satisfactory manner than by the employment of anti-typhoid fever vaccination. This sort of teaching is too serious to be allowed to pass.

This obsurd theory is borne out by the announcement of the Philadelphia College and Infirmary of Osteopathy for 1916-17, page 38, where this is found: "He reasons that a perfectly normal body is insusceptible to germ invasion, and as some form of anatomical defect is the basis of all diseased conditions, that the virulent germ in a given case is but an exciting cause and is not the prime factor." So when one is taken ill with pneumonia, the germ would have been powerless if there had not been some "anatomical defect." "These wild and wandering cries" should not be allowed to hold sway in this Province.

In the announcement of the College of Osteopahic Physicians and Surgeons, Los Angeles, California, for 1915-16, page 9, this is stated: "The central sun in the osteopathic solar system, however, is anatomical