

a calculus in the urinary bladder cannot be removed by such methods as are here laid down. Then why mislead the people by speaking of disease and abnormal conditions? But a system that is wrong in theory finds that it must maintain itself by erroneous claims.

Then, again, note what is said about the human machine. The falsehood here is that man is a machine only. Yes, he is, but he is also far more. To approach the diseases of the human body from the standpoint that the problem is merely one of mechanics is no better than to attempt to adjust a fine watch with one's eyes blindfolded. By no known mechanical method could one approach the treatment of a case of repeated miscarriage due to syphilitic infection, or of gonorrhœal ophthalmia. Mere mechanism will not explain nor cure the presence of the plasmodium malarie in the blood. These sort of half truths are intended to mislead the public and should not be tolerated. n

Finally, look at the statement that the principle on which osteopathy is founded and carried "holds good in acute as well as chronic disease." One would have thought that out of respect for themselves osteopaths would not put forth such a claim. It is quite inconceivable that "manual adjustment, manipulation, and other natural methods" can cope with acute and chronic troubles, unless under "other natural methods" they admit, surgery, drugs, hygiene, diet, etc., etc. If they do, then they give their whole case away; but if they do not, then their claim is untenable and a myth. When osteopathy tells that it "is a common-sense system of discovering and correcting all mechanical disorders in the human machine, and providing an intelligent direction of the recuperative forces within the body to the cure of disease", it tells us what is not true. Osteopathy is not even a correct nor an intelligent method of studying man as a mere machine. Its fundamental theories are wrong. Its methods of arousing the forces of the body to combat disease are equally wrong, and must lead to faulty results. The theory that the body has within it everything requisite to cope with disease, and all that is required is to call this forth by some mechanical means is absolutely contrary to the teachings of true science, whether chemical, biological or medical. The body does not contain within itself the material to cure myxoedema, and no amount of mechanical treatment will give it the lacking thyroïdin. This is only one example of very many that might be advanced.

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Dr. Still, in his autobiography, gives a minute account of the schools he attended, but not a word about his medical education, nor where he obtained his M.D. His father was both a doctor and a minister of the Gospel, and perhaps A. T. Still learned something about medicine from