

are to be found in connection with the infectious diseases. Diphtheria, according to them, is produced by muscular and bony lesions of the neck. Whooping cough is the result of the contraction of the omohyoid muscle drawing the omohyoid bone against the pneumogastric nerve and the contraction of the cervical tissues drawing the 1st rib back and disturbing the central articulation. We are told that the malaria parasite cannot manifest its activities within the human system unless some bony lesions are present. And typhoid fever is caused by a posterior prominence of the lower lumbar regions caused by a backward displacement of the 3rd, 4th and 5th lumbar vertebræ. Need we go on with a catalogue of these osteopathic curiosities? We think that we have placed sufficient facts before our readers to show what the osteopaths are. We will only give one instance of how osteopaths *treat* diseases. This is how cataracts are caused: "The nerves of the eye which are found in the cervical and thoracic regions were released from constrictions and restrictions by the usual adjustive manipulations prescribed in osteopathy. The nerves resumed business, fed the eye, and the cataract was eaten up." The osteopaths have started business, find enough to eat themselves and are sure to eat up all the other systems of medicine in Canada in course of time. These are the systems of healing competing for recognition in Canada. Some time ago a Commission was appointed to consider the claims of these different systems of medicine for State recognition. We do not know what has become of that Commission. In the meantime we have here also some systems of medicine not only claiming State recognition but the right of consultation and co-operation with the registered practitioners of the allopathic system. One of these days we shall give our contemporary, *The Canada Lancet*, an account of ayurvedic pathology as disclosed in their ancient medical works. At present we are reading an ayurvedic medical work called "Karnaroga Vignaniyam" (diseases of the ear), and we must confess that we are very much enlightened. All diseases of the ear, according to this book, are caused either by (1) Vatham, (2) Pitham, or (3) Kapum. And symptoms are given, with the aid of which these three classes of ear diseases can be distinguished. There are many drugs used in the treatment of ear diseases, the most interesting of which is elephant's urine. We should imagine that in Canada it would be almost impossible to procure this rare drug. If our contemporary will let us know how it is standing the onslaughts of the Christian Scientists and the osteopaths, we, on our part, shall inform our contemporary of how we get on with the ayurvedists and unanis. We never knew that in Canada the medical profession were going through the same experience as we are doing here. One touch of suffering makes the whole world kin. We send our best compliments to our medical brethren in Canada.—*The Antiseptic*, Madras, India.