

which, being mechanical, must be reached by mechanical means. This principle holds good in acute as well as chronic troubles."

Let us begin by stating that the *Bulletin* is the fifteenth annual announcement of the college. This announcement gives pictures of the college building, its chief rooms, and many of the teachers. It outlines its course, and gives a list of the textbooks in use. It is, therefore, a representative college.

Now turn to the quotation taken from the announcement. In the first place it is stated that osteopathy is a natural method of treating disease without drugs. This is a claim without a shadow of foundation to stand upon. Manipulation is not and cannot be regarded as a natural method of treating disease. Like many other forms of treatment, it is sometimes helpful; but it must be employed with discrimination and in suitable cases, and no one but the trained physician or surgeon can determine this. It is certainly incorrect to state that manipulation is a natural method of treating disease, for nature has established no natural method other than her own powers of resistance.

The next lie is the one where it is implied that the regular medical profession makes diagnosis by questioning patients. The regular medical profession does question patients, and rightly so; but its members also make use of inspection, palpation, percussion, auscultation, chemical tests, the use of the microscope, the ophthalmoscope, the laryngoscope, the cystoscope, the skiagram, etc., etc. It is then a contemptible malsehood by implication to talk about "the medical habit of forming a diagnosis from questioning the patient."

Then there is another lie by implication, namely, that the medical profession treats disease by poisonous drugs. What a lie a half truth may tell! Drugs may be curative or deadly according to the dose and the method of their administration. Curare is harmless by the mouth and deadly under the skin. Strychnine will helpfully stimulate the nerve centres in proper doses, but it will give rise to fatal spasms in unduly large doses. A dose of morphine may be a veritable angel of mercy in an attack of renal colic, or it may induce fatal narcotism according to the amount given. Mercury may cause salivation, diarrhoea, or tremors, on the one hand, or cure a patient of the dread syphilis, according to the dosage and method of administration. These lying half truths must be nailed.

Then the next untruth is the implication that the osteopath "treats the diseased or abnormal condition by manual adjustment, etc." The terms are here used to mean disease in general, and convey the impression that any and all diseases may be thus treated. Surely, even the osteopath knows that he cannot treat a cancer of the stomach by "manipulation, adjustment and other natural methods." Surely he knows that