

he has found out the true way. Mrs. Eddy, in her combination of deceit, ignorance and hysteria, formulates a gross travesty on Christianity and palms it off on the world, and some accept it and follow her ravings.

Then the osteopath or the chiropractor crops up with his wild, yes, mad, spinal column displacement theory. Here, too, one can find disciples, not knowing that the only things in this treatment is some manipulation of the body and a certain amount of credulity on the part of the patient.

Now, when one comes to treatment he has to face a very large problem. Treatment may be divided into a number of divisions:

(1) Those aids given at the girth of a child. This covers the ground of the obstetrician.

(2) Those directions as to foods and drinks in health and disease.

(3) All instructions regarding the surroundings of the person that may improve his chances of health. This is sanitary science.

(4) All mechanical and instrumental means that may be employed for his cure or relief. Here we have the whole domain of surgery.

(5) All those agents that are called drugs. The people often think, and the osteopaths and chiropractors encourage this view, that medical men regard this as the chief end and aim of all treatment.

(6) Rubbing and manipulation constitute another line of treatment. This is a portion, and a very small portion, of the field of treatment or therapeutics.

(7) Further, we have the influence of one person over another. This embraces psychotherapeutics, suggestion, faith healing, mental treatment.

The preëminence of the regular physician is that he recognizes the place and the value of all these means of treating sickness and injuries. On the other hand, the irregulars limit themselves to some one of these plans of treatment, and lose the benefit of the others. The wise surgeon will straighten the deformed limb, will give an anodyne to ease the pain, will apply a proper apparatus to keep the member in its proper position, will tell the patient what to eat, will order a suitable aperient to regulate the bowels, will direct the judicious rubbing and manipulation of the affected part, will give the patient hope founded upon knowledge of the case, and he will regulate the hygienic conditions of the home or room.

No man dare undertake the treatment of disease and say he is an air physician, or a water physician, or a faith-cure physician, or a manipulation physician. No man is competent to be a physician who is not