

practic science." The picture mentioned is that of the spinal column, carrying the head and brain at the upper end, and with a displaced vertebra and injured nerve at the lower end.

On page 13 of the same announcement we find this: "Now the chiropractor, by palpation, discovers these subluxated vertebrae and with a quick thrust or movement of the naked hand, returns it to its normal place, thus removing the cause of the disease and restoring health to the organ affected. This is chiropractic pure and simple, which takes its name from two Greek words, *chiro*, the hand; *prakis*, doing, or in simple words—hand done."

In the first place, we would call attention to the very bad Greek. There are no such words as *chiro* and *prakis* in that language. But this is only in keeping with other evidences of ignorance running all through chiropractic literature. It will be noticed that this college states: "In a word, here is a picture of the all-in-all of the chiropractic science." Here we have the "backbone" first, last, and always as the *fons et origo malorum*. This benighted view of disease may suit the chiropractor who may wish to follow the follies of D. D. Palmer, deduced from his experiences with Negro Lillard, but it will not do for this scientific age.

THE NATIONAL SCHOOL OF CHIROPRACTIC.

Let us now see what is done in Chicago. In the announcement of the National School of Chiropractic, Chicago, we read on page 8 the following: "Briefly defined, chiropractic is a scientific system of treating disease by means of physiological adjustment of the spinal column. As will later be explained in detail, whenever there is a diseased condition of the body it will be found that one or more bones of the spinal column—the vertebrae—are more or less displaced, subluxated, or out of alignment. Chiropractic treatment consists of a certain process of spinal manipulation whereby these subluxated vertebrae are placed in re-alignment, thereby permitting normal function of the parts and organs supplied by the nerves involved and compressed by the displaced vertebrae."

Here, again, a college declares that the origin of disease is some displacement of the vertebrae, and the cure of disease is the correction of these displacements. It is almost beyond conception that any body of men would stand for such views; or that any State would recognize such a system of treatment and give it legal status to palm off its methods upon the people who cannot come to a safe judgment upon such a subject. It is the duty of all legislation to protect the people. The people cannot judge of the merits of any system of healing, and, therefore, it behooves the State to fix the standard. The standard of the chiropractic system should not be allowed.