

Turning to our own Provinces, it would seem that the only two which have so far taken any legislative cognizance of osteopathy have been Alberta and British Columbia.

In British Columbia three classes of practitioners are recognized: regular, homeopathic and osteopathic. The latter two are supposed to be restricted wholly to the practice of homeopathy or osteopathy. Just how you are going to give a person the privilege of treating the sick and restrict him to homeopathy or osteopathy is a mystery to me.

Is then osteopathy the practice of medicine? According to the decisions of the courts and legislatures of the land of its birth it is and it is not. What do osteopaths themselves say? In this small pamphlet entitled "Bulletin and Journal of Health," issued by the Littlejohn College and Hospital, is contained, among other things, a declaration of osteopathy as follows: "Osteopathy herein defined and as in practice recognized and authorized by the leading adherents of this modern school of healing is the term used to designate the new and independent, scientific and complete method or system for the preservation and maintenance of health and for the relief and cure of bodily disorders (or disease), and osteopathy in its principles and practice comprehends and includes all those various phases of health and disease as are covered by the other schools of medicine, surgery, midwifery and sanitation."

According to this declaration the osteopath claims as the field of his endeavor just exactly the same ground as we do who are licensed in this Province to practice medicine, surgery, and midwifery.

Having thus declared the extent of territory they wish to occupy, what reasons have they to give why they should not enter this field on the same terms as the rest of us? Setting aside those things which they calmly appropriate from the ordinary medical knowledge of the day their claims for special consideration appear, to my mind, to narrow down to the assertion that practically all diseases are due to or accompanied by anatomical displacements not recognizable by the ordinarily trained medical man, but which can be detected even in the earliest stages by the highly-trained sense of touch of the osteopath. These displacements, moreover, can be overcome by osteopathic manipulations, and thus health maintained and restored.

What is their position as regards the use of drugs? On page 4 of this pamphlet we find the following: "Osteopathy comprehends and includes in its philosophy, principles and practice surgery (both major and minor), including surgical medicine,