

tomy properly, because they do not know what constitutes true anatomy. The human body, to the osteopath, must be a different sort of structure to what it is to the ordinary, but not inspired, mortal. The osteopath, too, holds that the vast majority of our ills come from a spinal column displacement, and that, once this is put to rights, new nerve energy flows into the diseased part, and presto! the person is made well. Twist a certain joint in the neck, and manipulate certain muscles, and behold you, the membrane of diphtheria falls from the tonsils. Give a peculiar rotation to a vertebra in the lumbar region and the ulcers of typhoid fever heal, and the fever takes its departure, as the evil spirits did long ago out of the afflicted Gadarene. Or in pneumonia, straighten up the back, raise the ribs, give a pull on the clavicles towards the patient's head, and then watch the resolution go on apace in the lungs. Forget all you have been taught about germs. All you need to do is to learn poor old Andrew Taylor Still's theory about displacements.

Then came along the Christian Scientists, with their venerated claim that they "do not practice medicine." They do it all "by prayer and faith." Their remedy for a broken leg is a splint of "prayer." For the plague they would prescribe "prayers" at so much for each; for the argument was put forth by the special advocate that "the laborer is worthy of his hire." They disclaim all knowledge of disease; and, indeed, Mrs. Eddy states that to study disease is to cause disease, and unfit one to be a good Christian Scientist. All disease is a delusion, a mere figment, an error of mortal mind—that is, our mind. Yet, in the face of such teachings, the advocates for this body contended that they were specially faithful in their observation of the health laws by reporting contagious cases. This leads to a *reductio ad absurdum*. One cannot report a case of typhoid fever or smallpox if he does not know such a disease when he meets it. According to the Christian Scientist text book by Mrs. Eddy, it is wrong to study disease, or know anything about it. So the Christian Scientist impales himself on his own horn. They should have no right whatever to undertake the task of treating people until they can shew a complete change of view towards disease.

The medical profession and the medical teaching bodies appeared also, and put forth their views. While there were differences on the methods of governing the medical profession, there were no differences of opinion on the one thing essential, namely, that all who practise medicine must secure the licence of the Medical Council. Surely to this there can be no reply. Take the medical course of study, pass the examinations, get the qualification of the province, and then call oneself a chiropractor or an osteopath, or a mano-therapist, or a homeopath, or a Christian Scientist, if he so pleases. This is the stand for the entire medical profession to take.