

Pennsylvania Osteopathic Board of Examiners, and also by "The State Medical Council" of West Virginia, *all allopathic physicians*, all candidates taking the same examination, except in the principles of the school represented by the candidate.

"In point of education I have the degree of M. Sc. from the Michigan State College, and Ph.D. from the University of Wooster, and D.O. from Philadelphia College of Osteopathy and Surgery. I also have the honour of a fellowship in the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

"To matriculate at any osteopathic college in the States, one must possess a *four year high school or collegiate diploma*, then study four years of eight months each for graduation. Kindly note courses of study, third cover pages, No. 6, booklet.

Very cordially yours,

(Signed) CHAS. W. McCURDY."

To begin with all the degrees, diplomas, and other qualifications of our correspondent have absolutely nothing to do with osteopathy. A person might be highly educated and well trained in many ways and take up with some "fad" or pseudo-science, as has often been the case. We knew an honour graduate of the University of Toronto who became a Christian Scientist and advocated Mrs. Eddy's nonsense to other people. Can one imagine such a thing as possible! We know an eminent lawyer who believes in the vagaries of chiropraxy.

We are glad to note that our correspondent agrees with us in our condemnation of chiropraxy. No one should know better than an osteopath the follies of chiropraxy; for the latter is the former under a new name. We have read the books of both cults, and they do the same things under another name. They both rub and twist the spinal column, knead the muscles, pull about the joints, and replace unruly organs that, like the kitten of old, are said to wander from their proper places.

Our correspondent sends us a card which tells us that "osteopathy successfully treats" spinal disorders, joint disorders, nervous disorders, diseases of the circulatory system, diseases of the genito-urinary tract, diseases of women, diseases of men, diseases of childhood, diseases of age, diseases of the ear, eye, nose and throat and catarrhal deafness.

This does not seem hardly enough! Diseases of the hair and of the umbilical cord are overlooked. All this is done without drugs, and by a process of manipulation. So that if a patient has had syphilis and the spirochetes are hard at work building a gumma in the poor fellow's brain, all that needs be done is fumble up and down his spine every day for a while; and, *mirabile dictu*, the gumma will go away as Creusa did, but the poor fellow will go too as did that fabled woman.