

or without the use of drugs or appliances for diagnosing, alleviating, treating, curing, prescribing or operating for any human disorder, illness, disease, ailment, pain, wound, infirmity, injury, defect or deformity or physical or mental condition.

"(2) Diagnosing, alleviating, treating, curing, prescribing or operating for any human disorder, illness, disease, ailment, pain, wound, infirmity, injury, defect or deformity or physical or mental condition, and the holding, offering or undertaking by any means or method to do any of the foregoing, and including midwifery and the administration of anæsthetics.

"(3) Any manipulation or other kind of physical or mental treatment whatever, suggested, prescribed or advised, for body or mind, administered to, operated upon, or intended to be followed by the patient himself or herself, intended or professing immediately or ultimately to benefit the patient, and the holding out, offering or undertaking by any means or method to use the same or to diagnose.

"Any person who shall habitually use in advertising any title such as M.D., M.B., D.O., D.C., D.O.S., or any title as indicated thereby, or as surgeon, doctor, physician, healer, professor, specialist, or any other letters, sign or appellation having the same or similar import in relation to medicine as defined above, shall be considered *prima facie* as practising medicine. Those possessing the degree of doctor of dental surgery, or being licentiates of dental surgery, shall not be within the above provision."

We do not feel confident to criticize the foregoing definition. It has been prepared by one who has had long experience as a lawyer, but to the best of our ability we think it covers every phase of the practice of medicine, by drugs, or suggestion, or manipulation, or operation, or diagnosing, or making use of any plan or method when such is for the alleviation in any way of any bodily or mental ailment or disease. But we respectfully submit that the word "habitually" in the last paragraph should be deleted. A very objectionable sort of practitioner or quack healer might advertise for a short time and go away for a time, to return again.

The lack of a proper definition has caused much trouble, but should the foregoing, with amendment suggested, become a part of the proposed Medical Act this difficulty will be solved. It behooves the medical profession to support every effort to have the "practice of medicine" clearly defined.

VII.—HOMOEOPATHY.

The report points out that this cult has gradually grown fewer in