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THE DOCTOR'S DREAM.

Last evening I was talking
 With a doctor, aged and gray,
 Who told me of a dream he had,
 I think 'twas Christmas day.
 While snoozing in his office—
 The vision came to view
 For he saw an angel enter
 Dressed in garments white and new.
 Said the angel, "I'm from heaven,
 The Lord just sent me down,
 To bring you up to glory,
 And put on your golden crown.
 You've been a friend to everyone,
 And worked hard night and day,
 You have doctored many thousand,
 And from few received your pay.
 So we want you up in glory,
 For you have labored hard,
 And the good Lord is preparing
 Your eternal, just reward."

Then the angel and the doctor
 Started up toward glory's gate,
 But when passing close to hades,
 The angel murmured, "Wait;
 I have got a place to show you;
 It's the hottest place in Hell,
 Where the ones who never pay you
 In torment always dwell."
 And, behold, the doctor saw there
 His old patients by the score,
 And grabbing up a chair and fan
 He wished for nothing more;
 But was bound to sit and watch them,
 As they'd sizzle, singe and burn,
 And his eyes would rest on debtors
 Whichever way they'd turn,
 Said the angel, "Come on, doctor,
 There's the pearly gates I see."
 But the doctor only muttered,
 "This is heaven enough for me."

—ANON.

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THE WEAKNESS AND STRENGTH OF OUR PROFESSION.

DR. ORREN E. SMITH, INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

Recently it has become more or less popular to call attention to the weakness of the osteopathic profession; to point out that we are weaker in numbers in our profession now than formerly, although hundreds of graduates are turned out yearly; to say that we are in great danger of being absorbed by the older schools of medicine, etc. These things may, or may not be true, yet it may be doubted if even these are our greatest weaknesses—if they are truly our greatest menaces.

Numbers do not constitute strength. Neither does amalgamation mean extermination, although it may constitute weakness for a time. Successful practitioners are not going out of the profession. To lose the unsuccessful graduate is perhaps an added strength to the profession rather than a detriment. Many enter the osteopathic field, as they do all other callings, who are not, and never will be, suited to the college. Some are not good students; some are lazy; some are fortune seekers; for some social attractions prove stronger than professional service; some do not understand public life. Hence, sooner or later most of such drop out. It were better for osteopathy if they all did. They constitute a minor strength in the profession.

As for amalgamation, it is in a profession as in the mixing of two races of men—the stronger always triumphs. The stronger race engrafts

onto the weaker race its ideas and laws. The dominant race is able to strangle the weaker because of its richer endowment of inherent power. The artificial product of drugs is indeed a weakling beside the natural resources of the vital organism. Artificial chemistry has been struggling for hundreds of years with diseased tissue without a solution, with which organic chemistry copes easily and successfully. Artificial laboratories are indeed inferior to the chemical laboratories of the living organism. Amalgamation of osteopathy and drugs, which is coming sooner or later, if not from our school, then from the older schools of drugs—is the furnace which will test the two schools of medicine to their maximum. Out of this test will merge all that is good in drugs, and all that is best in osteopathy.

Already the fire is burning in this amalgamation retort. Soon the medical colleges will put in chairs of osteopathy, and when these graduates are turned out mixing will begin in earnest. It is there that a lesion osteopathist will show his strength and training as never before. The public is already aware of the fact that there are both good and bad osteopathic physicians. Then, they will be still more aware of the fact. A diploma then from an osteopathic college will be worth twice that of the one from a medical college.

The greatest menace to osteopathy does not lie in its being universally adopted and used by all schools of healing, but in its being poorly applied. Our greatest weakness to-day is in our poorly qualified practitioners—men who are graduates in osteopathy who cannot give a corrective osteopathic treatment. I do not mean poorly qualified intellectually but in technique. What good does it do the patient for the physician to be able to recognize, and point out, the lesions which act as causes of his disease, if the physician is unable to correct those lesions? Corrective treatment have been decried by some of the so-called leaders of the profession, to the great detriment of our professional life. Some members of our profession almost have a chill when they hear the articular "pop," but it cannot be too often insisted upon that osteopathy is something more than massage, if we are to correct lesions and change structural relations. The writer has had between eight hundred and a thousand treatments himself—has been treated by graduates scattered from the Mississippi river to the Atlantic ocean—and can say from experience that there is a vast difference between a deep massage and a corrective treatment, when the standard of the test is results. It is said that only one out of every three practitioners ever makes a success of the work, and if you were sick and had to have treatment from them, you would not be long in doubt as to the cause of the failure or success of our graduates.

I am fully aware of the fact that corrective treatments are dangerous and that some people have been hurt by careless, excessive and untimely corrective treatment. So is the surgeon's knife dangerous. Yet you would not have him use a knife so dull in excising a tumor as to be compelled to bruise off the growth. So the technique of the osteopathist should be powerfully effective, but intelligently applied. This is where training in technique is of great value and service. Not long ago I had occasion to send a traveling man, whom I had treated quite a bit, to some other graduates in distant towns where he was going, and on the return of this man I inquired of him what kind of treatment he received. He said, "Oh, they rubbed me a little around the neck and let me go. They did not seem to know how to do things." Then he continued: "I wish, if you have the chance, that you would bring this question up before your practitioners for their consideration. I think it is of great importance."

The old Atlas Club men have ever stood for lesion osteopathy, and I am glad to know that we have some very able men in our fraternity who can keep both feet on the ground when they hear an atlas "pop."

You need have no fear of failure out in the field of practice if you learn to correct lesions while in school. But the storm that is coming in the future upon the osteopathic profession will wreak upon defenseless heads if they be lacking in the application of their own therapeutics.

The public is stretching out its hands eagerly for "simon pure" osteopathy. Every year the circle of its friends widens to admit new members and our limitations are only made by the extent of our capacity. People take drugs only because they know of nothing better, and not because they believe in the efficacy of these poisons. They submit to surgical operations now that, in fifty years, will be considered malpractice.

Osteopathy bids fair to become the key-stone in the arch of the healing art. Happy that man and that woman who are destined to fill a professional career of such magnificent service to their fellow men.

OSTEOPATHY OR ADJUNCTS?

We give here two letters, one from Dr. C. W. Young of St. Paul, Minn., being a circular letter sent out to the profession. The other a reply, by Dr. L. N. Pennock, of San Angelo, Texas. As the letters bring out an interesting point we print them just as they came to us.—Ed.

DR. YOUNG'S LETTER.

ST. PAUL, MINN., NOV. 16, 1908.

DR. L. N. PENNOCK, SAN ANGELO, TEXAS.

DEAR DOCTOR:—

I am addressing the circular of inquiry enclosed herewith to every member of the American Osteopathic Association and I earnestly request you to prepare answers immediately, or at your earliest convenience. I beg of you, Do not pigeon hole this request. I have spent quite a number of dollars. It will cost you only two cents and an envelope. Mark the circular "Confidential," if you want your answers to disclose your opinion to no one besides myself.

If there are any questions you do not understand, write me and I will try to make them clear. Please be free to make any explanations of your answers you may choose, but at the same time please guard against intellectual dishonesty or any impulse not to look the issues squarely in the face.

I greatly desire to help make the evolution of osteopathy one of the greatest events in human history, and as I see it, such a transcendent achievement can be accomplished only by the united action of the members of our profession, and this action must be directed by high ideals and right mental attitude, and I think it will be helpful to us all to know how we all stand on some of the vital issues that confront us.

The greatest majority of the medical men now regard so-called scientific medicine, as fundamental to the science of healing and try to master the act of drug prescribing, while paying indifferent attention to osteopathy, mind cure, water cure and other drugless agencies. All case reports in all medical journals carefully exclude the report of a cure by osteopathy after medicine had failed. All Christian Science case reports always tell of wonderful cures by the aid of science pure and simple, though it is a fact that many of their cures are accomplished in part at least by the aid of material means, and though the Christian Science practitioners know that some of their cases do not get well under their treatment, but subsequently recover with the help of the osteopath or some other material agency.

It is well for us to study the policies of other schools of healing and their mental attitude toward their profession and determine for ourselves whether such policies or such mental attitude are worthy of imitation.

Yours fraternally,

C. W. YOUNG.

QUESTIONS.

1. Do you want your card, announcing that you are an Osteopath, to convey to the public the idea that you are able to give expert advice as to hygiene, diet, thinking and use of water?
2. Can the announcement that you are an osteopath convey the idea that you are able to give expert advice as to hygiene, diet, thinking and the use of water, if osteopathy does not include hygiene, diet, thought direction and use of water?
3. Can osteopaths, by the exercise of common sense, and without the aid of special study, be able to give expert advice as to hygiene, diet, thought direction and use of water?
4. If proficiency in our profession requires that we make special study of hygiene, diet, thought direction and use of water, is there any reason why this study should not be made as complete and exhaustive as the study of adjustment of anatomical structure?
5. Has the medical fraternity accepted the best that has been discovered relating to hygiene, dietetics, thought direction and use of water, so that we may safely follow the teachings of their text books on these subjects, without expending any of our energies in any independent investigations outside the realm of manual adjustment?
6. Is it true that the medical fraternity, with their minds centered on drug therapy, are to be as much condemned for failing to investigate recent discoveries pertaining to diet, hygiene, thought direction and use of water, as they are to be condemned for refusing to investigate the discoveries of Dr. Still?
7. Would you like to have osteopathy become a complete system of healing, embracing all truth essential for healing, and supplanting all other schools of healing?
8. Will it be possible for osteopathy to fully supplant all other schools of healing if it is not made to include all the truth that has been discovered relating to the proper use of diet, hygiene, thought direction and use of water?
9. It is reported that at Kirksville last August, a rheumatic patient received treatment by a student under a professor's instruction. He used osteopathy pure and simple. No inquiry was made by the student or professor as to the diet of the patient or the condition of his bowels. As a matter of fact the bowels had not moved for five days and the patient ate meat and drank coffee three times a day and drank no water. He was not improving. Do you approve of such conduct of a case?
10. An osteopath failed to help a wretched sufferer from gonorrhoeal rheumatism by giving osteopathic manipulation for two months. He

then accomplished a cure by a fifty-two days' fast. Do you approve of the refusal of the publication committee to publish a report of this case in the case reports on the ground "that the report was not strictly along our lines of therapeutics?"

11. Would you like to have some part of the sessions of the A. O. A. taken up with a consideration of the subjects of hygiene, diet, and the use of thought force, water and other natural healing agencies?

12. Would you like to join a section to meet in Minneapolis next year to consider the subject of the use of thought force, suggestion or psycho-therapeutics?

DR. PENNOCK'S LETTER.

SAN ANGELO, TEXAS, Dec. 17, 1908.

DR. C. W. YOUNG, St. Paul, Minn.

DEAR DOCTOR:—

Your letter was received and questions carefully noted. I believe that our future depends much upon the way these questions are answered.

(1) In answer to the first will say, that I want the word osteopathy to convey the idea that I am an all round physician and, as such, am an osteopath, being expert in adjusting human anatomy. As a physician I am capable of determining how and where the patient is not in harmony with his environment because of "morbid thinking, bad hygiene or diet."

(2) My answer to this question is No.

(3) The osteopath is a failure, to start with, who does not make a special study of hygiene, diet, water, thought, and habits—and all other things relating to the environment of the patient. Could a patient in a dusty germ-infected hovel subsisting on tainted food and drinking booze expect to have health even though his anatomy was in perfect adjustment?

(4) Yes, sir, there is every reason in the world why we should not make the study of "hygiene, diet, thought direction and the use of water" as important as the fundamental corner stone of our system, which is Anatomical Adjustment. It is this which is distinct in our science; it is this which is new to the world. Is osteopathy so base, and has it fallen so low that on equal footing with anatomical adjustment we shall put a system, or series of systems, common to all schools? 6,000 medical students are graduated every year with some proficiency in "diet, hygiene and sanitation." We have our specialists in water cures, in psychotherapy and mental suggestion. Let them all work, and all that they discover is ours. With not over 600 graduate osteopaths a year is it not of vital importance that our one D. O. to 10 M. D's.

should be saturated through and through with the distinctive principle of his school? And should not a note of alarm be sounded lest the Electro-Psycho-Suggestionist, believing his hobby equal to Anatomical Adjustment, shall ride into our camp, under the flag of Osteopathy? Most of the osteopath's cures are cases that have been the round of all other methods and often under the best specialists there are in those lines, and so the osteopath had nothing to correct in the way of diet, hygiene or anything else pertaining to the environment. The osteopath cured because he corrected the lesion.

(5) The medical profession has not accepted the best that has been discovered, but they are willing to if that will be incorporated into, and become a part of, the medical profession. We can not, with safety, leave our research work to the medical profession, as they never would do, nor never have done, anything along our distinctive line of research. Might as well say leave the lesions to the M. D's. But we can safely leave to the Scientific World all research work not distinctively osteopathic. All that they discover is ours. In the language of Hulett, "Let them work out their problems. What they find of value, to that we are entitled. But, for the sake of the preservation of our system, the essential part of which is a new fact in etiology and therapeutics, and for the sake of a deeper study of a field much more fruitful for physician and patient alike, let us not go wool-gathering, picking up here and there practices so little justified by reason and experience as to be advised only with a question mark by the specialists themselves."

(6) If there was not an absence of facts in your assertion there would be more to the question. The medical mind is not centered on drugs, but are losing their grip on drugs, as many of them are depending for their results on Electricity, Hydrotherapy, Diet, or Mental Suggestion, or some other non drug method.

(7) Yes.

(8) It will supplant other schools more quickly if we hold more firmly to the A. T. Still Principles of Osteopathy as a foundation and not permit our energies to be scattered over other fields. Lesion osteopaths first, then all of value in other fields are ours, having first been proved by specialists in other lines.

(9) I do not believe the report, to start with, and secondly I know the patient did not get osteopathy, or results would have been different. I think the student must have been one from one of the defunct schools of osteopathy that came there in August to wait to join the freshman class in September. Granting the imaginary hypothesis as a truth, no sane man, even a Psychotherapist, would approve of such

methods. If some of our Psycho-Suggestive-Hydropathic-Osteopaths would occasionally find a lesion they would say less against Kirksville. And if they occasionally removed a lesion they would not have to bolster up a practice by adjuncts.

(10) I do not approve of the action of the committee.

(11) I would not care to see the session's valuable time spent that way as there are so many other sources of information along the line of hygiene, diet, etc. A day might be spent in the session on urine analysis or blood count or chemical and spectroscopic examination of feces. I might want to call a special session for the study of Tubercular Bacilli, my partner, Dr. Elder, would like some time devoted to the technique of laparotomy, but if all called a special clinic for a special line that they were investigating it would not be possible for us to have an A. O. A. session. If we would advance let our national sessions resound with the pure and unadulterated characteristic principles of osteopathy and leave the common ground of all schools to be investigated from its numerous sources.

(12) I would like to join such a session for the express purpose of seeing who are our genuine osteopaths, to whom lesions are the primary thing and also to see who are pretending to practice osteopathy, but, because of their incompetency, are really getting their seeming results by Psychotherapeutics. It would be of value to me, as, perhaps, it would to many other osteopaths. A friend, before moving to a distant city, asked me to pick him a good osteopath. By the assistance of the A. O. A. directory I picked one whom I thought of that brand, but to my own and the friend's disappointment he found the doctor's treating room so full of electric vibrators, X-ray machines, hot air appliances that there was scarcely room for a treating table, and the doctor's head so full of Electro-Psycho-Thermal treatment that he had not seen a lesion in years and had forgotten whether the brachial plexus was in the arm or leg.

Very truly,

L. N. PENNOCK.

WHEN FATHER HAS THE GRIP.

Poor mother wears a worried look,
 And sister wears a frown;
 And if I venture up the stairs
 They send me straightway down.
 I'm going to the drug-store now
 Upon a hurried trip,
 To get some other kind of dope,
 For father has the grip.

I heard him groaning in the night,
 He said his head would split;
 And then he thought his back would break
 In just a little bit.
 He told us that his legs were sore,
 And soon it was his hip;
 It seems that everything is sick
 When father has the grip.

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The doctor came to-day and left
 Some capsules, and he said
 To take one each three hours until
 The pain had really fled.
 Says pa, "That means twelve hours before
 I give this pain the slip;
 I'll bet he'd find a faster dope
 If he had got the grip."

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And then he told ma that he thought
 That he was going to die;
 And ma says no, that isn't so,
 And gave the reason why.
 Then pa got mad and told her that
 He didn't want her lip.
 Oh, there's no comfort in our flat
 When father has the grip.
 —Detroit Free Press.

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AFTER THE INITIATION.

The house is full of medicine
 And mystery profound;
 We cannot even run about
 Or make the slightest sound;
 They keep the big piano shut,
 We cannot strike a note;
 The doctor's been here twenty times
 Since father rode the goat.

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He joined the lodge a week ago—
 Got in at 4 a. m.,
 And sixteen members brought him home,
 Though he says he brought them,
 His leg was sprained, and one big rip
 Had rent his Sunday coat—
 The members had a jolly time
 When father rode the goat.

He's resting on the couch to-day
 And practising the signs—
 The hailing, signal call, and grip—
 And other monkey shines;
 He utters passwords 'neath his breath
 And other things he'll quote—
 The members had an evening's work
 When father rode the goat.

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He has a brilliant uniform,
 All red and white and blue,
 A hat with plumes, and scarlet braid,
 And golden badges, too,
 But, somehow, when we mention it,
 His visage waxes grim—
 We wonder if he rode the goat
 Or if the goat rode him. —New York Sun.

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"STILL" SENTENCES.

"Hold up your heads and be something. Do not look like an old
 dispeptic mule when you go into the sick room."

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"If you lose hope you help kill the patient."

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"We want a little drop of the ear-wax of reason."

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"Use a little essence of practical, mechanical brains."

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"I believe in the Deity's perfect work."

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KIRKSVILLE, MISSOURI, JANUARY, 1909.

THE FAMOUS "SKIDOOS" GRADUATE.

On Saturday morning, Jan. 23rd, at 10:23 o'clock, faculty, students and friends gathered in North and Memorial Halls to witness the graduation of the famous "Skidoo" class—numbering 23 in membership—the second three year class of the American School of Osteopathy.

This odd numbered class has the distinction of being the only class, perhaps, ever graduated from the A. S. O. with just the same number of members as when matriculated.

The graduation exercises were simple, but impressive. Orchestra music was afforded.

Dr. Charlie Still made the presenting speech and introduced Dr. Walter Williams, of Columbia, Mo., who then delivered a very impressive oration, his topic being "The Guests of Honor."

The Professor spoke of the rapidly decreasing hospitality of the American people, declaring that with the advance of civilization has come on over increasing lack of hospitality among our people, and spoke of the guests in the home as being "The Guests of Honor." He admonished the class to be hospitable, to be receptive to the opportunities of doing good, and to be faithful in service. That upon them will rest great responsibilities and their success depended upon how they undertook these responsibilities, and how they performed these obligations.

The discourse, throughout, was very beautifully illustrated with word-pictures.

The "Old Doctor," in his characteristic manner, then gave some words of cheer, after which he presented the diplomas, and the famous "Skidoo" class became a thing of history.

THE NORTHEAST MISSOURI OSTEOPATHIC ASSOCIATION MEETS IN KIRKSVILLE.

On January 1st and 2nd the Northeast division of the Missouri Osteopathic Association met in Kirksville. There was much interest manifested throughout the two days, and the meeting was one of unusual interest.

The following was the program:

"Physical Diagnosis, Clinic and Osteopathic Treatment of Heart Diseases," Drs. Gerdine and R. E. Hamilton; "Osteopathic Mechanics" F. P. Pratt; "Clinic, Goitre," Earl Laughlin; "Treatment of Innominate Lesions," F. G. Crowley; "Laboratory Technique of Value to Osteopathic Physician," R. E. Hamilton and Mr. Haight.

"Treatment of Fracture and Dislocations with Illustrations of commonest cases," Geo. A. Still; "Hospital and Surgical Clinics," where a great number of operations were performed by the Hospital Staff.

"Osteopathic Clinics and Orthopedies," George M. Laughlin; "Urinalysis of Interest to the Osteopathic Physician," R. E. Hamilton.

DR. SMITH IN THE EAST.

Dr. Wm. Smith spent the holidays in the East, in the interest of osteopathy. The first week was spent in visiting in different places, and in looking over the osteopathic situation, especially in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and New York. The second week was spent in lecturing giving six or eight lectures on osteopathy during the time.

The Doctor reports the osteopathic outlook in this section of the country very favorable, and reports that the people, at each place where he lectured, seemed anxious to learn more about osteopathy. His lectures were all well attended. That his lectures have benefited osteopathy wherever he has lectured, is not to be doubted.

ATLAS NOTES.

The following committees have been announced by Noble Skull Luft, and will serve during the ensuing term:

Practical Work—N. D. Wilson, L. J. Bingham, E. C. Waters.
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 Floor Work—R. H. Prindle, H. C. Erwin, I. F. Craig.

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On Saturday evening, December 26th, the Club met in social session. After a vocal solo by Brother Prescott we were favored with an address by Dr. E. C. Link.

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On Saturday evening, Jan. 9th, the newly elected officers were duly installed.

Dr. F. P. Pratt acted as installing officer, and a very pretty ceremony was carried out. After which Noble Skull Luft made a very fitting speech of acceptance.

The past administration has been marked with success in every line. The social meetings have been a success and the practical work has been carried on with interest. Indeed all that the club has stood for in the past has doubtless been as closely lived up to during the past term as ever in its history.

This has largely been made possible by the diligent performance of duty of officers and committees. Noble Skull Kerr exhibited his executive power in an able manner, in harmonizing all interests and in keeping the club in its most prime running order.

With fraternalism made stronger, our membership materially increased, our treasury enlarged, the social feature enhanced, and the main point, upon which rests our success both here and after we get into the field, that of practical work and scholarship advanced, may we not say that the Atlas Club has enjoyed a most successful administration.

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On Saturday evening, Jan. 16th, the Club gave a farewell reception to the graduating members.

Music was afforded by Brothers Rothfuss, Erwin and Morrow. A lecture on the Contents of an Obstetrical Grip was given by Dr. Smith. Each member of the graduating class gave a talk and Noble Skull Luft made a few remarks.

At this junction Brother Morrow came forward and asked the members to join him in a farewell song to the tune of "Goodnight Ladies." The words were as follows:

Goodbye Skidoos, Goodbye Skidoos, Goodbye Skidoos,
 You're going to leave us now.
 Merrily you'll set the bones, set the bones, set the bones.
 Merrily you'll set the bones
 For ONE DOLLAR per.

After the program, refreshments were served, and a smoker was

indulged in. An extra amount of good feeling and fraternalism was evident throughout the evening.

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We publish here a list of the names of members in arrears five or more years, these members being SUSPENDED for non-payment of dues. If your name is in this list please send the required amount to put you in good standing with the club. It is certainly not the desire of the club to take from any member any of his privileges, or certainly these would have been suspended before this. Now, brother do the right thing by yourself and club and send in your dues.

Barnes, N. B., Trinidad, Colo., 5 yrs.
 Betts, C. S., Huron, S. D., 8 yrs.
 Bigsby, M. H., Philadelphia, Pa., 6 yrs.
 Bright, S. H., Bristol, Tenn., 5 yrs.
 Carlson, E. A., Madison, Ind., 5 yrs.
 Chiles, H. L., Auburn, N. Y., 8 yrs.
 Cline, C. O., Monticello, Ill., 5 yrs.
 Cobb, J. E., Elgin, Ill., (?), 6 yrs.
 Cromie, Geo. H., Philadelphia, Pa., 5 yrs.
 Herman, A. M., Cleveland, O., 5 yrs.
 Longan, S. W., Paris, Ky., 5 yrs.
 McCrary, Jos. R., Bristol, Tenn., 5 yrs.
 McManis, H. A., Baltimore, Md., 6 yrs.
 Montague, W. C., Eureka, Calif., 5 yrs.
 Moseley, J. R., Georgetown, Ky., 6 yrs.
 Noonan, W. E., Houston, Texas, 6 yrs.
 Robinson, S. C., Renselaer, Ind., 5 yrs.
 Shackelford, J. R., St. Louis, Mo., 6 yrs.
 Sickles, N. J. H., 5 yrs.
 Smith, F. P., Montclair, N. J., 5 yrs.
 Smith, J. O., Waseca, Minn., 5 yrs.
 Stone, Fred G., 5 yrs.
 Walker, F. P., Cando, N. D., 5 yrs.
 West, R. L., New York City, 5 yrs.
 Willis, C. E., Pittsburg, Kans., 5 yrs.
 Wycoff, L. E., Los Angeles, Calif., 5 yrs.

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Our Recent Initiates:

Mr. Truman Young Stelle, of Alton, Ill., is a member of the freshman class, is a High School graduate, and was engaged as a clerk before coming here. Mr. Stelle was influenced to study osteopathy by Dr. A. B. Wyckoff of Alton, Ill., who is a relative.

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Mr. James Herbert Courmyer, of Belle Vernon, Pa., is a freshman. Mr. Courmyer desired to take up a profession and chose osteopathy because he was impressed by its principles and teachings. He was formerly foreman in a Window Glass Works.

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Mr. Arthur C. Hardy, of the freshman class, hails from the Lone

Star State, and from its capitol—Austin. Mr. Hardy has a High School and Business College education, was a bookkeeper and stenographer, and intended to study medicine but on investigation was convinced of osteopathy's superiority as a profession and healing art.

Mr. Aura B. Ford, of the freshman class is a resident of Kirksville. He is a graduate of the Kirksville State Normal School and was engaged in teaching. Being a resident of Kirksville Mr. Ford has had the opportunity of observing the growth of osteopathy and the A. S. O. ever since its organization.

Married—On December 28, 1908, at the home of the bride in Bowling Green, Kentucky, Miss Bessie McDavitt to Mr. W. S. Childs. Mr. Childs is a member of the senior class. Mrs. Childs was formerly teacher in the Kirksville Business College.

Married—On Saturday, January 9th, at the home of the bride in Goshen, Ind., Miss Carrie Steady to Mr. Walter Mayes. Mr. and Mrs. Mayes are both members of the senior class.

ATLAS FIELD NOTES.

On Monday evening, Jan. 4th, Dr. Ambrose B. Floyd gave a lecture before The Richmond Club, of Buffalo, N. Y. The Doctor conducted the party on a tour through Jamaica using stereopticon to bring out the beauties "by the way." The Doctor spoke from experience of what he saw on this trip recently, and exhibited upwards of one hundred scenes, many from his own negatives and beautifully hand colored, true to nature.

Dr. E. W. Sackett, Springfield, O.: "Am well pleased with the Bulletin and also with the progressive spirit shown in the Club. I hope at no distant day to learn that you have secured larger and better quarters with increased fraternal spirit obtaining."

Dr. H. E. Thompson, McAlester, Okla.: "Each Bulletin is read with much interest, and it calls to mind the bygone days at "Old Kirksville." While attending the A. O. A. last August, I called at the Club rooms and registered. Everything looked good to me.

Hurrah for osteopathy and all its very helpful auxiliaries! Hope it may soon shake this old world from center to circumference. Give my regards to all the boys."

Dr. F. E. Moore, LaGrande, Oregon: "Feel assured of my interest. The field members want the home chapter to continue in a thriving condition."

Dr. S. R. Meaker, Auburn, N. Y.: "The policy of the Club in requiring the payment of annual dues by alumni, and their expulsion upon non-payment for a given period, will, I believe, continually, work harm

to the Club. After graduation a member's active interest in the Club gradually decreases, yet he holds in high honor his membership and his memories of chapter days.

I do not think it is the general custom of fraternities, either college or otherwise, to require such dues except as he takes an active part in some way. One who joins a fraternity usually, according to the ritual, does so for life.

I have knowledge of the withdrawal of several members of my personal acquaintance, which I cannot but consider a misfortune to the Club, as well as an insult to the member.

I believe such dues serve but to furnish that which, as active members, we cannot afford."

Dr. O. M. Walker, Silver City, N. M.: "I wish I could step in and see the boys some Saturday night. You haven't any idea how one misses the Club and the professors, until you get away from Kirksville.

I have had a fairly good practice. Am on the right side of most of the M. D's. here, and they use me all right."

Dr. Oliver G. Stout, Dayton, Ohio: "The Atlas Club was drawn on a big plan, why not make it of value to our osteopathic success."

Dr. Chas. G. Hatch, Lawrence, Mass.: "How is everything? Moving smoothly I hope. I am doing well now, and the near future looks brighter."

Dr. H. W. Maltby, Chicago, Ill.: "First, let me wish the Club a prosperous new year. The Bulletin has just reached me, and I immediately read it through. Among many good points I note the possibility of organizing field chapters. Permit me to say I sincerely believe that when the Atlas Club will so amend its constitution and by-laws so that chapters can be organized in other good osteopathic schools, and their graduates accepted, we have taken a mighty good and long step forward. By so doing many good men will join in unity of purpose. Make an exclusive Frat and it never reaches a maturity of usefulness it otherwise would. In all honesty I believe were our colleges more a unit osteopathy would be in greater favor, and when a call came for assistance in the passage of laws, light would be the burden because of the unity of purpose.

It is amazing to see what Frats do in college life here. Certain Frats, of national organization, almost exclusively control certain hospitals. A capable Frat man finds ready access to your designated hospital, and it is next to impossible for another Frat man to get into it. Practically all successful professional men have at one time, belonged, or do now belong to some Frat.

If I read our By-laws correctly is it not our purpose to further osteopathy? If so, can we not increase our field of usefulness by taking in any good man? A man is a man, no matter where he comes from, and the longer we stand aloof the longer osteopathy will be hampered.

All find that in the field you meet as many good men from other schools as you do from your own. My purpose is to increase our field of usefulness." (Provision is made by our charter for the formation of chapters as we deem fit.—Ed.)

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THE CHAPTER HOUSE PROPOSITION.

It might be well to note in our pages that the proposition for securing a suitable place as a Chapter House has been temporarily abandoned by the Club, as we were unable to make satisfactory arrangements.

We would like to publish all of the letters from the field members relative to this proposition but owing to the fact that there are so many and that the sentiment of, by far, the majority of those writing favored the proposition, we deem it sufficient to give but a few of the letters here.

Dr. W. H. Wakefield, Oakland, Calif.: "If the members (active) of the Atlas Club desire, and will stand by a Club House sufficiently to support it, I see no reason for voting against it.

I believe some concessions must be made toward introducing more good fellowship among the active members in order to do away with making the Club a bore to the younger element.

While being neither for nor against a Club House, believing that should be left to those in attendance at school, I believe if one is established it should be maintained, by and for, those in Kirksville, and should in no way effect the life of the Atlas Club as a whole.

Whatever changes are made in carrying on the Club I hope for no lessening of the sociable and good fellowship part of its life, rather an increase. I should like to see its influence in helping make its members good, competent osteopaths maintained, and advanced. I should like if the fraternity plan be more closely followed, that the bad element of rowdiness and fooling away time—thereby causing poor students—safeguarded by providing means for eliminating these evils. * * *

California has room for many more good osteopaths, but any who expect to come here will need to burn the midnight oil, if they expect to pass the examinations. All over the country the standards must, and will, go up with the constantly increasing competition of the pathies. Hence, the more the Atlas Club does to help its members know their work the prouder I shall be to wear its pin."

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Dr. Jno. F. Bone, Pontiac, Ill.: "As we field members have as much unexpected expense coming up all the time, I do not feel like endorsing anything that would cause a very heavy assessment on us."

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Dr. A. W. Rogers, Boston, Mass.: "The men being younger than hitherto it is desirable to make as much of a fraternity home for them as possible."

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Dr. N. A. Johnson, Fredonia, N. Y.: "Be sure you are right, then go ahead."

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Dr. H. C. Johnson, Barry, Ill.: "The proposition to establish a Club House is alright, if too much help is not asked from the field.

I would very much like to see a Club House and if necessary would contribute some."

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Dr. J. B. Schrock, Bedford, Ind.: "I would like to see it affiliated with a national fraternity. It is O. K. if properly conducted. * * * Osteopathy is growing and expanding; let the Atlas Club keep up with the times."

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Dr. E. R. Booth, Cincinnati, Ohio: "I am in favor of your proposition provided you can make it self-sustaining and insure such moral and intellectual standing as will justify any parent in placing his son in such quarters.

With the proper standard in the osteopathic colleges, the attendance of energetic, educated young men ought to be doubled, or even trebled, in the next two or three years. And provision ought to be made for their proper care."

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Dr. W. W. Vanderburg, San Francisco, Calif.: "I am heartily in favor of a club house for the Atlas Club.

Would suggest an assessment for whatever amount may be necessary to fittingly furnish the quarters.

I am sure that the field members will respond most heartily to an assessment for the purpose."

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Dr. N. L. Sage, Detroit, Mich.: "Your step, if successfully carried out, will fill a long wanted convenience.

Believe it will add materially to the advancement of osteopathy, and never failing source of influence, and is worthy of the consideration of every member and student.

Hope the physician's life in every phase may be sincerely dealt with, for his life is hard under the most favorable circumstances. It is exacting upon the strongest brains and most rugged bodies. It certainly takes more brains and application to be a good successful physician than to win laurels in any other profession.

I wish you success in your undertaking, and may it make you all expert diagnosticians and manipulators."

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Dr. R. M. Echols, Winston-Salem, N. C.: "In regard to the proposed change in the policy of the club to the extent of establishing and maintaining a club house where the members may be lodged and perhaps arrangements for board may eventually be made. I feel that I am not in a position to offer advice to you who are on the ground and are in a better light to see things just as they are. Before leaving Kirksville this subject of change was brought up in the deliberations of the club and thoroughly discussed. At that time I, with many others, opposed the plan on the same grounds that you now give as your first reason for its establishment. We thought then that the rooms would be occupied by the younger students and that there would be no restraining influ-

ences, hence various kinds of intemperance would be indulged in, probably, to the detriment of the whole club. This was our reason then, but as you suggest the lengthened term brings greater demand for increased facilities, and for the same reason the material may be better that is entering the classes, I therefore think as I before said, you folks on the ground are in better position to decide this question than the field members. Consider every thing well and weigh each point, then decide. I am satisfied that the present class will act for the best interests of the club."

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Dr. Asa Gordon Walmsley, Petersboro, Ont.: "I am heartily in favor of the policy outlined in your letter. The fact that more young, unmarried men are entering the A. S. O. makes the policy outlined more feasible, and much more necessary than at any other time in the club's history.

I sincerely hope the local members will get sufficient encouragement from the field members to cause them to feel warranted in going ahead with the project.

Undoubtedly many would be attracted to the club because of its social features who, later, would realize the Atlas Club's superiority as a student organization and who then would fully appreciate the practical as well as the social side of the club. Indeed, many of the club's best members might be found in this very class of young men. Kirksville is not a particularly cheerful place to the average student, especially during the first few months of his sojourn there, and if more attention were given to the social side of school life by our club it would possess an added attraction of great worth. * * *

Kindest regards to the boys, and tell them I would like to spend a Saturday evening at the Club."

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Dr. A. G. Hildreth, St. Louis, Mo.: "Your question of a club house, it seems to me, can only be decided wisely by the local members, for they, and they alone, can know the needs of the club at this time. We who are in the field have no way of knowing the needs, made necessary by changing conditions there, which must come by virtue of growth of the school and lengthening of course, etc. * * *

Personally, I feel, if rightly conducted, the Atlas Club can be perpetuated as a very valuable element in osteopathic growth and I have that confidence in its membership to believe that there will always be a majority who are level headed enough to do the right thing. Hence I feel safe in saying you men on the ground go ahead and use your own best judgment. It should certainly be one of the prime objects of the club to foster the fraternal feeling, and to grow in every way with the changes that must take place as we grow older."

DEPARTMENT OF THE GRAND CHAPTER.

If each member would write only one item that would be of interest and a benefit to all the rest, what a splendid professional magazine the Bulletin would be.

It is impossible for the Editor to personally invite each member to write something for the Bulletin, and it ought not to be necessary for the reason that the Bulletin belongs to one member as much as to another. It is not to be considered a virtue to be too modest to send an article for this department if not personally solicited to do so. Nobody can practice osteopathy even for a short time, and not have cases and experiences that it would do everybody in the profession good to hear about, so let them come to the hands of the Editor of this department by the 15th of the month and thus help to make the Bulletin valuable to every member of the club.

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The earnest appeal for the payment of dues in last month's Bulletin brought the total number of eleven responses. One member wrote, "Having been ill with typhoid fever and away from home for over a third of the year I knew nothing of Grand Chapter dues until yesterday, when I got round to some of the back numbers of the Bulletin that accumulated in my absence."

The letters that go out informing members concerning Grand Chapter dues, will, no doubt, find many, who for various reasons have not read the Bulletin, and they may do good other than bringing in the dues. "Every bitter has its sweet."

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Dr. Mary E. Noyes, Ottawa, Ill.: "I should like very much to drop into the old club room and attend some of your meetings."

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Dr. Mary Lyles-Sims, Columbia, S. C.: "I will tell you of an interesting case of gastritis, to which I was called after ten days of nausea and continued vomiting. I hope this will interest my readers, and encourage some recent graduate not to turn down whatever might be pronounced by the M. D.'s as hopeless.

This case had been treated by three M. D.'s and diagnosed, at different stages, as pregnancy, appendicitis, and the morning I was called—typhoid fever.

The patient's symptoms were a little complicated, due to a long standing case of constipation, congested liver, and malaria. The morning I was called she was delirious, heart 160, respiration 40, temperature 101. She had retained no nourishment for a week, hence was fed per rectum. Drugs had been given, hypodermically, until she was suffering with both arms, and I feared blood poison would set in. Her back was blistered from 2nd dorsal to the 2nd lumbar and across back eight inches wide. The entire right side, over liver and stomach, was such a deep blister that it formed an ulcer.

When I first saw the patient, at 4:15 p. m., she was so nervous and miserable could hardly be still for me to treat her neck at all. But with persistent, gentle work for the M. D. said just as I was going

in "you will have to be very gentle for we think she has typhoid." I worked with the patient from 4:15 until midnight, with the aid of a good nurse. By that time she had retained the whites of three eggs and some water; had slept four hours. Pulse, temperature and respiration all nearer normal.

The next morning at eight she was like a different person, having slept for the first time, without an opiate, and having retained first nourishment.

The M. D. had told the nurse if we left off the strychnine and digitalis she could not live until morning. The nurse replied, "You and I have failed to relieve her in any way for ten days and now we have decided to give osteopathy a chance."

You may imagine, I felt helpless with so much space covered with deep blisters, so I told the family I had a poor chance, gave them no encouragement, but they said, "Do what you can to relieve her, we feel her case is hopeless, but she wants you."

She clung to me and said, "You are the only one who has relieved me at all."

Her recovery was very rapid. She had no more fever, and began regular liquid diet in twenty-four hours after I first saw her.

I treated her afterwards for the chronic liver and intestinal condition, to which she responded nicely. She said, "I never want another dose of medicine in my house."

Her lesions were numerous cervical curved, anterior mid-dorsal posterior lumbar and so stiff it seemed almost ankylosed.

Wish all a happy and prosperous new year. I urge all the Axis sisters to remember our local and grand chapter dues. Its hard for our faithful officers to do so much gratis work and neglect our dues as some of us do.

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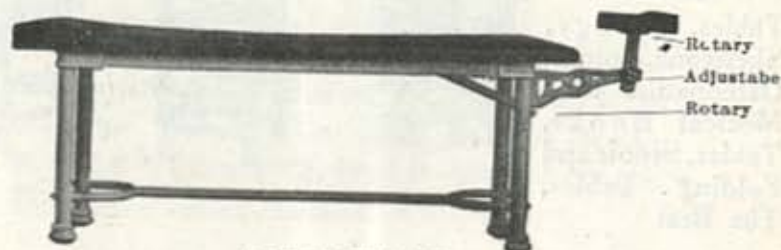
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