FOUR hundred and fifty-seven persons signed the roster of the tenth annual meeting of the American Osteopathic Association at Hotel Victory, Put-in-Bay, Ohio, August 6 to the 10th. That means about 500 osteopaths were in attendance, for about every tenth person neglects to sign the roster. In many respects it was the best meeting yet held.

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Other committees on Transportation, Nomenclature, Prize Essay, etc., to be appointed.

Weather Was Sizzling.

Notwithstanding that the weather was not of a nature we would expect on an island in Lake Erie, the entire week being hot, muggy and oppressive, the business side of the meeting was ever foremost, and every session practically recorded a full attendance. We osteopaths are so used to working hard whenever we get a chance to advance our profession that we take this feature of our annual meetings for granted and never stop to wonder at our own fidelity to duty and ceaseless industry. Yet outsiders notice it always. Those without the profession who watched our meeting throughout the week and looked in on occasional sessions marveled at what they saw and never failed to speak about it. Such devotion to the work in hand and such universal attendance upon all sessions of the meeting had never before been seen, apparently, in the conventions—medical, legal, commercial, political, fraternal and otherwise—that assemble every year at Put-in-Bay.

Hard-Working and Sober.

One who was at the annual meeting and who has witnessed many medical meetings said the Osteopaths this tribute:
"Your people really show an abnormal interest in your work. When your programs are being enacted everybody is inside the convention hall. You can't find over a dozen osteopaths outside, scattered through these big corridors and piazzas. Now when the recent medical convention was here it seemed as if most of the delegates' attendance actually cut out the general public and when something was going on inside they were to be found en masse outside. I don't know what this means, but I know it's a fact. Why, these agents of book, furniture and supply people here and even the man giving away ice cream can hardly get anybody to stop and look at their displays while anything is going on inside!"
"That's because Osteopathy is a live one," this observer continued, "and the people who come here come to get a marked benefit; to see what they can see and learn what they can learn; and the meeting is worth hundreds of dollars to them. We're in love with our profession and they get great good out of these annual gatherings."
"That's evident," he said; "but don't quote me by name. I'm after medical business just as well as osteopathic. I don't want to offend anybody; but what I say is true.

Bar Room Was Vacant.

"Another thing: I don't see any Osteopaths downstairs in the bar room. I've been through there a dozen times and really on most of the visits I didn't see one soul in there, and never but two or three, and I failed to see a single convention badge or button on those who were getting a drink. I believe they were other guests at the hotel and not delegates. Now this is a simple fact that when the big medical convention was here about 40 per cent of the doctors made their headquarters in the saloon, and the place was full morning, noon and midnight. I can't help but see the difference."
"Our people are not addicted to stimulants, so the difference is only to be expected," said a delegate.

"Well, it certainly speaks creditably for your profession. You people have a right to feel proud of your organization."

No Furniture Broken.

The same sort of praises were heard from the management of the hotel respecting the decorum of the Osteopaths. Ours was said to have been the most dignified, quietest and best bred body of men and women who had met at Hotel Victory in a long while. Not that fun, recreation and even excitement were not abundant, for they were; but our people were so well mounded (except in debate sometimes—particularly Dr. E. C. Pickler when he invited the next meeting to Minnesota), and they were not imbued with the idea that they had to break any furniture to show their abstinence of drugs and loyalty to things that can be said in praise of our tenth annual meeting.

There Were Some Lesions.

There are some ways in which our meeting was noticeably weak and tedious. We need a far greater application of parliamentary rules to our deliberations. The presidents of committees should show much less leniency and consideration to individuals out of justice and rightfull consideration to the multitude. Although many infractions of parliamentary procedure are indulged in, and particularly by individuals who have some grievance on their minds and naturally to the point of ad infinitum, it was rare that the presiding officers at this session rapped them to order. Of course, the error was one of generosity and it behooved a desire to see every one—even the man who might stand practically alone in a contention—get a full show and exact justice. But such leniency is an error notwithstanding and in a sense it is a failure of duty, a breach of trust to the rank and file who need protection and can only get it through a wise administration of executive decision and firmness.

We have repeatedly thought of calling attention to the diminution and believe a real good will be done the profession if this criticism leads the present and future executive officers to learn how to swing the gavel in a little more savage fashion of the rigors of the majority. After all it is a dollar and cents proposition as well as one of pleasure. To let extraneous, personal and committee business take up the time of the general convention is to levy a heavy money tax on every delegate. Let us figure this out.

It Is Heavy and Loss.

Our 457 people present will average over $100 apiece invested for the meeting, considering car fare, hotel bills, lost practice during the week of the meeting, the $5 A. O. A. dues, incidental of the trip, etc. That means roughly $20,000 invested by the profession for the benefit of getting together and receiving what comes out of these meetings. That means $10,000 a day spent for each day's session. That means $2,000 an hour as the amount spent by the rank and file for every hour that makes up the routine sessions. An individual, therefore, who is given an hour, for example—out of parliamentary order to bunt, to make upon the floor—of a general convention cannot settle and therefore does not care to go into, having already assigned it to considerations and intelligently, the committee business take up the time of the general convention is to levy a heavy money tax on every delegate. Let us figure this out.

Need the Reign of Parliamentary Law.

Surely this is important enough to us all to cause our executives to study up on parliamentary practices and to enforce Roberts' Rules of Order (or somebody else's) most rigidly.

It is not so many years ago that one of our A. O. A. meetings permitted a visitor, not a member of the association and openly boasting that he was not because of something that caused his displeasure to occupy the floor prominently in heated debates and figuring actively in the proceedings. Of course, it would not be permitted today, but it is worth citing to show how we change as an organization. It is time now to bring in the reign of rigid parliamentary law. Leaders need to be good fellows far less than good parliamentarians.

Send More Routine Work to Committees.

Another thing: We need absolutely to cut out of our general conventions all the petty business and routine considerations that can be better and quicker settled in a conference of three or more persons. Our bulk has grown to the point where, if we talk a whole session...
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to decide some one such simple thing as "where shall we meet again?" we can get little of real value accomplished in a week's convention. Why should the meeting devote its precious time at the last session to hearing Tom, Dick and Harry eloquently portray the natural resources of his city, county and state, followed by resolutions of respect for annoying requests of mayors, fire marshals and boards of trade for the D. O.'s to hold their next meeting within their gates? For no reason, of course. Everybody has decided what place he wants to go to next year long before the vote is taken and harangues never change the result of the ballot. If we had a month to spend it would be different. Some other details that take a lot of time in the same way must be extinguished from the general meeting.

Luckily, this is already pretty well understood and efforts are being made to rectify these handicaps. For instance, a by-law was adopted at Put-in-Bay taking this selection of the place of meeting away from the convention and settling it in trustee meeting. Hereafter those who wish to offer the hospitality of their towns will make the tender to a dozen persons who will decide the matter without troubling the big meeting.

House of Delegates to the Rescue.

This movement to purge the main sessions of needless routine business also received a great stimulus in the other resolution which was adopted which seeks to create a House of Delegates aimed to assume a lot of the responsibility now carried by the trustees, as well as many other duties now devolving upon the general session. This resolution, which passed, authorized state osteopathic associations to elect delegates to make up this "house" at the next annual pow-wow in the proportion (I believe, but am not quite certain) of one for every fifty practitioners. This body ought to simplify the conduct of the association's affairs greatly, relieve the overworked trustee mercifully and add to the peace of mind and professional and money value of these meetings for every practitioner who attends. In future our people ought to have the amplest leisure to talk over the papers read, to discuss the clinicals and to hear the inspirational talks from those members who feel that they have a message to deliver.

Elections Should Be Held Earlier.

There is one feature in the order of business which is badly arranged. The "new" trustees are supposed to make arrangements for issuing the year book as well as some other such duties. By the new trustees we mean the six hold-overs and the three new ones annually elected. Election is just about the last thing before adjournment. Then, when the meeting is over and everybody is in a rush to start home, the new body organizes and proceeds to business. Naturally it is not in shape and hasn't the time to give to such important business as arranging wisely for the year book.

The person who has spent a year to compile a year book for the association, without reward and at some monetary loss, waits throughout the whole week for a chance to have a business audience with the trustees over what he has done and what he expects to do in the future. He is called in and given a few minutes by the watch "to state his case." (Five minutes at Denver and fifteen minutes at Put-in-Bay.) Others who wish to figure or be heard on this business are given a definite number of minutes. Each retires, in turn, and then in a few minutes a vote is taken. Somebody gets the bid—if he is cheap enough!

The trustees haven't had time to inform themselves, and they have not devoted sufficient time to consider the subject in all its phases. They must take snap judgment and the association's affairs are not thereby properly safeguarded. The trustees are not to blame—except in that it is within their power to change a saner program.

Let the old trustees transact the business for the year ahead, as they really ought to, for after a trustee has been in office a year he has had time to get posted and mature his judgments; or, if the new board, as organized after election, is to formulate and authorize important plans for the year ahead, let the election be held on the first or second day that we, get together, and give the trustees proper time to devote to the business en-
Two Nights Were Devoted to Dancing.

Word Pictures of Our Founder.

On the opening night an evening was devoted to appreciative fellowship with the “Old Doctor” by wireless, so to speak. Talks supposed to be limited to seven minutes each were delivered by six pioneers who had all been intimately associated with our beloved founder, and the speakers each confined his remarks to the same interesting subject. Many interesting historical things were recalled, humorous anecdotes were told, glowing eulogies were paid and all felt nearer to the dear old man who could not be present as a result of this love feast. The speakers were Drs. Clarence V. Kerr, Beasley Duffield, A. G. Hildreth, W. F. Link, H. S. Bunting and Charles E. Still.

As the “Old Doctor's” birthday occurred the day the meeting opened the usual telegram of congratulatory affection was sent by the convention.

Actual Treatments Proved a Hit.

The symposium of practical treatment was a winning feature. It was conducted by Drs. G. A. Wheeler of Boston, Josephine de France of St. Louis, W. J. Conner of Kansas City, Dain L. Tasker of Los Angeles, E. A. Turfler of Rensselaer, Ind., and others. Father Teall was the subject most of the time. He survived the ordeal and his only complaint of hard treatment was when “Rollie” Wheeler scratched the ex-president’s pate against an “O. H.” button which the skilful operator wore on his plaid vest.

Dr. Marion Clark made a field hit and ran four bases in a talk on “Applied Anatomy.”

Dr. Louisa Burns’ Triumph.

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Dr. Teall Investigates Colleges.

Father Teall's report on the real inner lights and life of our Osteopathic colleges was one of the sensations of the meeting. You know that "Teallie" armed himself with gum shoes, a dark lantern, litmus paper and a golf bag and went forth among the schools by night to see what he could discover. He found which schools responded to the acid test and bored into college foundations mightily to see if he could detect any punk timber. He spaded deep enough in our fames of learning to dig up a few skeletons which he exhibited and the way our prominent educators rushed to the forum to explain was funny. It can't help but produce uniformity of college standards to have these Lexow calciums thrown into the college arena every year. And a baldheaded ex-practitioner is surely a good man to direct the searchlight.

Price Essay Matters.

Announcement was made of the receipt of only one competitive scientific essay this year. That was a good one and was furnished by Dr. C. W. Young of St. Louis, who was awarded the gold medal bestowed by the A. O. A. It is hard to understand the apathy in the

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This step of our osteopathic practitioners deciding to subscribe money out of our own pockets to found a new or help maintain one of our present colleges in the hope that it may engage in educational work without the handicap of having to make its living as it goes along, is perhaps the most important task our profession ever took up, excepting only when it adopted its code of ethics. Most people will view it as much more important than even declaring for ethics.

Just how this money is to be increased to the immeasurably larger sum needed and how it is to be spent are matters that must now engross the profession's serious study. But the fact is all important we have made a beginning, and a good beginning justifies the hope of a glorious end.

The definite plan is already entered upon, however, to canvass our whole profession thoroughly and to raise every dollar within our own ranks that we can. When we have done our part well, there is little doubt that our patients and friends will be glad to lend a helping hand and do more. The trustees, the committee in charge and regents agree it is first necessary to round up the profession, perfect our own plans, complete our organization and decide just what we want to do. Then we can go to the public with something practical and tangible.

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A special committee of the educational committee has been entrusted with this work of completing subscriptions, which comprises Drs. Gay E. Loudon, 157 South Union street, Burlington, Vermont, chairman; Dr. A. B. King and Dr. Asa Willard.

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ONE of the most interesting developments of the Put-in-Bay meeting, politically, was the publication and report of the educational committee on the Los Angeles college situation and the action taken by the association in the premises.

The Educational Committee gave patient hours to reviewing all the records and evidence submitted by Dr. Harry W. Forbes to show that he and his associates had been guilty of questionable dealings in their relations with the Pacific College of Osteopathy in the rumpus and ruction of months ago. Dr. Whiting of the Pacific school was present at these hearings and was given the opportunity to deny or disprove any statements which he believed to be unfair or untrue. This conference occupied all of Saturday before the meeting.

As a result of this conference and the evidence offered by Dr. Forbes and not challenged by Dr. Whiting, the Educational Committee came to the opinion "that there were two sides" to the late school controversy in Los Angeles and that there was sufficient ground for believing that the Shaw-Forbes party had acted honorably. The committee reported to the convention and recommended that the graduates of the Los Angeles school who had been their education at Still College, Des Moines, be declared eligible to membership in the A. O. A.

Father Teall, inspector general of colleges for 1906, reported upon visiting the Los Angeles school. He said they were doing good work, although shy on equipment. The educational qualifications of the graduates being turned out seemed not to be questioned.

However, things had gone very badly for the Los Angeles school and its graduates in its own state. The rank and file of the practitioners there supported the Pacific college in its contentions and had turned down the Los Angeles school and its graduates. This had happened in both the Los Angeles county and in the California state osteopathic societies, as well as before the California state osteopathic board. So the recommendation of the Educational Committee was a ray of sunshine breaking for Dr. Forbes.

But there was a strong sentiment in the meeting to withhold approval from the Los Angeles college, and a motion made by Dr. Hildreth prevailed which altered the report of the committee so that those new graduates of the new school were voted as not yet eligible for membership in the A. O. A. This attitude was based on the technical ground that although these graduates are doubtless well equipped for practice, that the school which graduated them had been guilty of violating a cardinal principle of the A. O. A. in starting up without submitting its plans to the association for approval. The unethical act of starting up a new school in territory already well covered by another college was also cited as an unwarrantable sin, according to association ethics.

There was vigorous debate both ways. Both sides had earnest champions. As the new graduates of Still college and the southern school, who were given almost exactly the same position as these Los Angeles new graduates in so far as their own acts were concerned, had been declared eligible to the A. O. A., there was a strong argument for declaring these folk eligible. On the other hand the majesty of the A. O. A. law and precedents had been violated, and it was declared that the day had passed when the association ought to and would keep modifying its regulations to fit the irregularities of applicants, instead of making applicants conform to the rules of the association.

The dispute ended by refusing to regard the Los Angeles college graduates as eligible for A. O. A. membership at this time. Yet the effect of the issue before the convention was very favorable towards Dr. Forbes' party on the whole, for it had established that the Los Angeles college students are being well taught, while the Educational Committee and trustees had agreed that many things were misunderstood and misinterpreted at the time the school quarrel developed and that the Shaw-Forbes crowd were by no means as black as had been painted and perhaps were not even black at all. It was a difficult and tedious case to review and pass upon; but the Educational Committee went about its dirty without bias and endeavored to serve justice without regard to whom it would favor.

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Swimming was good at Put-in-Bay.

Official reports all showed a healthy status of the association this year.

Here's a health to President Ellis, Mrs. Ellis and the Ellis baby, all three!

We all missed "Pappy" Still at Put-in-Bay but let us hope he'll visit Norfolk.

McClure's for August prints an article on cancer that every Osteopath must read.

The far-off Pacific showed up with a good delegation notwithstanding war, earthquakes, holocausts and other calamities. They are a loyal lot.

We hear too many imbroglio before the national gatherings. They are sometimes interesting but should be settled by intelligent committees.

Dr. Ashmore's election to the first vice-presidency is a deserved tribute to her ability and usefulness to her profession. Now send in some more clinic reports.

Dr. Vastine, who always was a connoisseur on the feminine arts, found a hairpin in the dim recesses of the Perry Cave which gives rise to the presumption that the gallant commander was a married man.

We missed some old familiar faces this year. Dr. Chas. A. Upton, late assistant secretary, noticeably was not present. We understand that he is still weak from severe sickness. Dr. Geo. T. Monroe was elected assistant secretary.

"Why weren't you at the big meeting, Sam Landes? You had a vacation then, everybody knows you had the price, and you were expected. Explain your conduct."

Our "Uncle Mack" will still hold our money. Through all the troublous times in Wall street and insurance circles Treasurer Hulett has escaped arrangement with the "high financiers" and is still able to show solvency, never had a bonus given him in his life and has never been indicted by any grand juries. His record as a financier is therefore exemplary and as treasurer of the A. O. A. he is a useful officer and a credit to his profession.

A. S. O. gave out a pictorial souvenir at the meeting which was a great credit to Editors R. E. Laughlin, its compiler, and everybody appreciated.

By hastening footings at the A. O. A. meeting it was announced that $24,527 had been subscribed to the Endowment Fund, but correct additions after getting home showed that it was found to be $21,012, which, however, is still a very gratifying beginning.

Pennsylvania's contingent came before the trustees debate whether the work in harmony with the A. O. A. platform for three-year schools but no conclusions seem to have been reached. The delegation said they would take it up again at their next meeting state.

We hear that Dr. Josephine de France, of St. Louis, subscribed five hundred dollars of her hard-earned money at Put-in-Bay for the benefit of the Osteopaths who suffered from the San Francisco disaster. Dr. de France certainly has hero stuff in her to do that and is a honor to her profession. All credit to her.

A. O. A. members born between August 15 and September 15 will please drop a postal to Dr. Ashmore and get a horoscope along with blanks for making up case reports. Dr. Edith Forbes has an article on Dr. Forbes and his associates at a time when they ought to have spoken out frankly—caused us to form what now look like unfair judgments. We will take pleasure in correcting what appears to have been unfair and saying what seems to be the truth of the situation, as near as an outsider can judge it.

We hope every reader who followed this unfortunate controversy a year ago will make it a point also to read our next article in order that exact justice may be done everybody.

Dr. H. H. McIntyre Dropped Dead.

You will regret to hear that Dr. H. H. McIntyre, a staunch and long-suffering Osteopath, has been in poor health for two years but was as well yesterday as he has been for some time. Death was instantaneous. He was on his way to the postoffice and had just entered the building when he sank in death without a struggle. He graduated from the A. O. A. in June, 1899, was a member of the Atlas Club, and was a credit to his profession. He is survived by his wife, his daughter, now my wife, and Dr. H. B. McIntyre, now U. S. army surgeon stationed in the Philippine Islands.—Gray E. London, Burlington, Vt.

Dr. Egan of Illinois Defied.

John Gregg, masseur and magnetic healer, Sterling, III., has refused to obey the orders of the Illinois Board of Health to quit practicing without a license and in a letter has defied Secretary Egan to do his worst. It's up to Egan. Let's see what he'll do about it.

A “Bearish” View of What We Got at Put-in-Bay

AFTER the editor had finished writing his report of the meeting as we were going to press we received a letter from a stalwart Osteopath, denouncing certain things about the Put-in-Bay meeting; and offering advice about the future. As the editor had looked rather upon the “bull” side of this meeting it occurred to him to be only fair to present sentiments of the “bears” also. We always try to present both sides of every question, you know, if we can possibly get sufficient facts and opinions.

So here's the "bearish" view of it.

We print the letter just as it came in informal exuberant confidence, but will not give the unhappy author because we hadn't the time to consult that person's wishes about it. The letter was not written to see print—but most of the spicy things written aren't. We trust this letter will hurt no one's feelings and yet do good in so far as any of its points are well taken. Here's the letter:

How it Looked Through Blue Specks.

I am trying to think just what we got that was of value at the convention. Theoretically, practically, and in every other way an "unprofitable meeting in every way" is how I would characterize it; and I believe this is...
the conclusion and opinion of those men who go for speech-making beside taking the stand. In fact, whenever I think how this meeting was conducted, dominated by that same old crowd—an Osherized bunch of "has-beens," I get hot under the collar.

Five hundred Osteopaths pay an average of $50—that is $25,000 total to attend this meeting. A lot of idle prattle about childish squabbles among the educational institutions; long-winded legislative reports that mean nothing; and discharging much committee work.

And all they talk about their $500,000 endowment, invested at 6 per cent—that is $30,000 each year. So O. C. costs $70,000 to $80,000 each year to run—never less than $60,000. True, they have made a beginning—$25,000 from the profession for the first five years. If they can repeat that dose every five years $500,000 is a matter of, say, only 50 years! Well, Granny won't be dead, then, anytime, and by that time we can have what Dr. Young (of Kirksville) says he would like to see now—"a new deal."

Thank God, that Ellis, of Boston, at least has red roses to corse; but O. C. will be handicapped by that old bunch unless he can fight them off.

Harry, this program of a national meeting is a serious matter. Unless we can arouse scientific presentations of osteopathic problems, lookout for dry rot. I am not a calamity howler, but I make my matter up.

One man, McConnell, makes an original investigation in the history of Osteopathy. All the rest is a truth along in the paths blazed by Still and a few other pioneers.

I would urge that you suggest that the arrangement committee of the A. O. A. appoint a committee (or do it themselves) to designate certain members of the profession to begin certain scientific investigations and report to the association. Especially, the college professor. Let them investigate along lines that are of scientific value to Osteopathy. Carry on the work of McConnell.

Let all work of educational institutions and legislative matters go before special committees and end there. Let final acts be submitted to the association as final. Let the presentation of the candidate for president be limited to one person. Let the discussion of the location of the national meeting take place before a committee and then have a final vote of the A. O. A. without discussion. Also, let us do away with that asinine law that will not permit a member of a college to hold an anticipated piece of osteopathic jealousy—a shame to us. And when one man finishes a term of office, don't have him swap offices with some other fellow who seems willing for a change of duties, but let the offices "go around" and get in some new blood. A dozen or more people have been in charge of the association ever since it began, notwithstanding there are 1,200 members to draw from. Nepotism is poor policy, Swap around. New ideas are healthy.

But, for the sake of the future of the A. O. A. let us make our meetings scientific and synthetic or subordinate the political, or we will lose. As an example of a successful osteopathic meeting, I need but cite you to the late tri-state meeting at Kirksville, which we both attended. Yours, * * *

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But it will be the last—and we are mighty sorry it will have to be so. Truth is, we would almost be willing to continue our friends on our list, even though they forgot us for long periods, if the Postoffice Department at Washington would let us; but it won't. What do we want if we can get it from our subscription list if you don't pay up?

You see, it isn't that we're stingy—we've demonstrated that to you a long time ago—but it's a necessity. For instance: "Henry, my boy, make them pay up what they owe you or I insist that you strike them from your mailing list. And you know none of us dare brook government-by-injunction nowadays.

Say, friends, one and all—fellow citizens and honorable Osteopaths—that is, just those of you who have received a delinquent subscription notice and haven't paid up—will you harken to one last heart-rending appeal? If you won't what can we say, or do, to bribe you into compliance?

We hate to see you vacate your chairs around the genial O. P. fireside. We'll miss you when you're gone—and we believe, you'll miss The O. P. Who else will ring the fire alarm to wake you from your sleep lest you be burned in your beds? Yes, who? The editor will hold in grateful remembrance all who answered this final summons with the due remittance.

What September Brings

SEPTEMBER brings in The Osteopathic Catechism—The 72nd annual serial of Osteopathic Pathology. Please read it carefully. Isn't it fine? Please examine the artistic printing. It's a beautiful job, isn't it? Haven't we a right to be proud of the job?

Here is a list of the questions in this brochure that are asked and answered:

What is Osteopathy?

What does the word mean?

Does Osteopathy teach that the bones are usually diseased?

Is it a treatment only for bone diseases?

Do you prescribe drugs at all?

What is the fundamental conception of Osteopathy?

If drugs are not used, what agency does Osteopathy employ to overcome disease?

How does the osteopathic physician control vital forces to promote health?

Is Osteopathy a form of massage—is it a science of rest?

Is osteopathic treatment indicated in women's diseases?

Do you have to believe in Osteopathy to obtain its benefits?

What is healing?

What is disease?

What is disease, essentially a new medical science has Osteopathy established to be the common enemy of all mankind?

What brings about such mechanical disturbances in the sphere of other words, what causes sickness?

Are mechanical disturbances the only first causes of disease?

Is there another school of medicine recognized by such mechanical disorders as causing disease?

What do average physicians say about Osteopathy—about its new mechanism that caused disease?

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What do other schools of medicine ascribe as the main primary, and often direct cause of disease?

What does Osteopathy hold regarding microbes?

So the body is endowed by Nature with its own adequate defenses against disease?

What common-sense theory of Osteopathy affirms concerning the body?

How is it that the body is so liable to "bad mechanisms?"

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How about Symptomology—the science of symptoms?

Is not Osteopathy merely a form of massage?

What is a "tonic?"

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Here's a Chance for Somebody.

Having changed printers the present month we have had occasion to "take stock" very carefully of back numbers and are surprised to find one or two back numbers on hand that were believed to be exhausted. We are glad to report over 1,000 of the last July issue on hand, containing that strong article on eye diseases. This number was believed by us to have been sold out by the middle of the month and we turned down many unlimited orders for it. They will now go fast.

We still have a good supply of that June, 1905, number containing a very strong article on liver diseases entitled, "Liver, Captain of Industry." If you need a liver discourse for patients you want it.

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entary; Neuritis and Economy of Osteopathy. July issue: 20 copies left; November issue: 4 copies left. 1905.

January issue: 763 copies in stock. Adjust­

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This Season's First Response. You may send me one thousand of the September Issue of Osteopathic Health containing the Catechism with my card on the last cover page, and oblige, very truly yours, John H. Murray, Trenton, New Jersey, August 29, 1906.

Special Facilities for Big Orders. Owing to a change of printers which has improved our equipment and facilities it is quite possible that we have 1,000 copies still on hand. Contests. "Making the BlindSee" try our new jingle of the Pirate Ship­ per, a protest against nasty surgery; Osteopathic Explained; Infantile Paralysis; What Constitutes a Fair Trial?; Typhoid Fever; Hay Fever. The article on eye diseases is great.

The Osteopathic Catechism. We believe that most of that branch of our cherished family of readers who seem just at this juncture to be inoculated with the bacillus cold-sputifer (the most shriveling symptoms of which is a forgetfulness about paying up delinquent subs) will fall in Dr. McNary's class and simply have been forgotten. If so, this is to be considered their last official "pounding on the back" and the Lord grant it will wake them up to do as Brother McNary did. All we want is to have a clear understanding and to get the money we've earned. Is that offensive or unreasonable?

Have a Year Book at 50 Cents? Since we have gone out of the directory business we have 100 or more of The Osteopathic Directory for 1906 that we will close out at 10 cents a copy. The codification of osteopathic laws alone is worth the money. The directory is worth dollars to any D. O. who doesn't pos­ sess it.

Notice About Professional Cards. We announce to the patrons of Osteopathic Health that arrangements have been made whereby the cover space will be reserved exclusively for printing professional cards hereafter. This change of position for professional cards begins with the present September, 1906, issue and will be ob­ served uniformly for all editions.

We have contemplated this change for a long time, desiring it about in the interests of the users of this magazine, but were unable to do so because the fourth cover space was tied up under a time contract. Ad­ vertisers universally regard the fourth cover space of magazines as the most desirable, as it is likewise the highest priced, position ob­ tainable. Unquestionably professional cards will receive better publicity by this change.

As it is necessary to follow uniformity for the whole edition in these matters, we trust that our patrons, one and all, will welcome this innovation and appreciate that it is brought about in the interests of the users of the magazine who utilize the professional card service.

Full Dinner Full Hints. Read the Back Number News this month. Important announcement.

The September issue of Osteopathic Health contains The Osteopathic Catechism. Enough said.

We bespeak your help to Brother Hamilton in his hard job of bringing out the best year book in 1907 yet compiled. He'll do it if you all do your level best.

Don't wait till Christmas to begin your ed­ ucational campaign if you want patients to be­ gin now.

If you want a number that makes a strong appeal to women, try August. Its table of contents is given on this page.

Hints on making up a mailing list and practice building by the aid of field literature will be sent to applicants by The O. P. Com­ pany.

Begin your campaign of education right now. The "Health Osteopathic Practi­ ce" begins with the close of vacation season, or September.

No other piece of campaign literature has enjoyed as wide usage as the "Osteopathic Catechism," which has reached its third edition within six years.

September is the seed time for the D. O. who wants to grow a flourishing practice. Plant your seed now. Good magazines are your seed. Use none but the best.

If you will look over the Back Number News this month you will probably find some back number which contains articles on the diseases you have had inquiries about.

Those who want the best Osteopathic Liver Article yet offered (in the judgment, at least of the man who wrote it!) are referred to the Back Number News this month to the June issue of 1905. It sells at 2 cents a piece.

Write us your troubles if you have any and maybe we can help you out somehow. Now that we don't have any year book to compile we will have time, as of yore, to help our friends solve their difficulties at practice build­ ing.

Ponder over the record scored by the Osteopathic Catechism a year ago which ap­pears on page 3 this month. You ought to know about it and realize what the September, 1906, issue of Osteopathic Health can really do for you.

That August issue of "O. H." is a woman's number and contains at least four articles of direct interest to every mother, wife, sister and daughter. If you missed getting it be­ cause you were on your vacation, you wouldn't do and to get one or two hundred copies now, as you will have many calls for that sort of literature all through the next year.

A suggestion: Why not make up an order of 200 back numbers, getting about 25 copies of the various issues now advertised? If you do, we'll put in 25 copies of the "Most Dis­eases Are of Spinal Origin" number along with the rest (while they last) as we have dis­ covered a few hundred we didn't know we possessed. It sells alone at 2½ cents a copy, straight.

One treatment will not cure the average case—will it? Neither will one copy of your field magazine suffice to cure ignorance or prejudice about osteopathic practice—not as a general proposition. But sometimes one treat­ ment cures a chronic case, and sometimes one carefully edited piece of field literature will cure the stubbornest case of prejudice as to Osteopathy. But the expectation in both cases should be for a persistent and systematic course of treatment.

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Dr. A. I. Still

Praises the
OSTEOPATHIC CATECHISM

KIRKSVILLE, MO.
Aug. 28, 1906.

Dr. H. S. Bunting:
I received your September number, Osteopathic Health, containing your article, "The Osteopathic Catechism." I think it is one of, if not, the best articles I have ever received. It is pure Osteopathy except a little bosh on page 35, paragraph 3, answering the question, "how does the osteopathic physician control vital forces so as to restore health?"—which adjectives don't mean a thing, but a great way from the spot.

As I had just finished my "incubator" article when I got yours yesterday, I thought I would send mine to you. Put in the "incubator" article when I got your number. I think are not very dangerous, but a great way from the spot.

Your admiring friend,

Dr. C. A. Whiting of Los Angeles, Cal., has resigned from the California Osteopathic Board. Dr. J. A. Nowlin of Farmer City, Ill., found it impossible to extend his branch office. Dr. O. A. in every state in the Union must write their congressmen and memorialize them to enact our bill into federal law. "Teddy" may be counted on for a square deal.

Removals.

Dr. Anna McCaffin, from 1778 East 58th Pl., Cleveland, Ohio, to 1960 Highland Ave., New Castle, Pa.
Dr. Agnes Fraser, from 7 Stevens St., to 57 Hampshire St., Mathuen, Mass.
Dr. F. D. Wood, from Springfield, Ky., to Hickman, Ky.
Dr. R. S. Mosher, from Kirkville, Mo., to Allerton, Iowa.
Dr. Leon R. Hawes, from Coldwater, Mich., to 39 South Main St., Adrian, Mich.
Dr. Geo. Weilg, from 10 W. William St., Bath, N. Y., to Corning, N. Y.
Dr. Estie J. Johnson, from Los Angeles Ave., to Lisbon, Ohio.
Dr. J. C. Walker, from 1217 Charleston Ave., to 1560 Charleston Ave., Mattoon, Ill.
Dr. G. E. Thompson, from 601 Osteopathy Ave., Kirkville, Mo., to Casey, Ill.
Dr. Martin W. Fecks, from 26 S. Common St., to Cor. Lord and Corey Sts., Lynn, Mass.
Dr. Frank E. Hyatt, from Goodspeed Bldg., to Young Bldg., 405 Johnson St., Bismarck, N. Dak.
Dr. M. F. Hulett of Wheeler Bldg, Columbus, O., will be located at 236 Capital Trust Bldg., after Sept. 1st.
Dr. James E. Burt, from New York, N. Y., to Ocean Hotel, Asbury Park, N. J., after Sept. 1st.
Dr. E. E. Merritt, from Logan, Utah, to Richmond, Utah.
Dr. E. S. Schoenfelder, from Manistone, Wis., to 107 N. Oak St., Watertown, S. Dak.
Dr. Edwin J. Mager, from Crocker Bldg., to 58 Broadway, Taunton, Mass.
Dr. George D. Heising, from W. Front St., to Babcock Bldg, Plainfield, N. J.
Dr. Wm. A. Hamilton, from Baker House, Fargo, N. Dak., to New Shaw, Iowa.
Dr. W. H. Bedwell, from Rochester, Minn., to Emporia, Kan.
Dr. McGregor Adams, from 39 E. 423 St., to 105 Fulton St., New York, N. Y.
Dr. Ida F. Rosecrans, from 228 Main St., Kellsispell, Mont., to 105 3rd Ave. Wash.
Dr. Emma Wing-Thompson, from 1015 State St., to 826 State St., Schenectady, N. Y.
Dr. W. N. Miller, from London, Ore., to Hopper, Ore.
Dr. L. Osborne, from 1916 Euston Ave., to 520 Jefferson Ave., Hyde Park Sta., Chicago, Ill.
Dr. Eva L. Woods, from Stuart, Iowa, to Shaberg, Iowa.
Dr. E. E. Cole, from Spearfish, S. D., to Fort Townsend, Wash.
Dr. Theo. J. DeVeau, from 415 Wilson Bldg., to 609-510-511 Wilson Bldg., Dallas, Texas.
Dr. E. M. Mills, from Corridonia, Texas, to Shelbina, Mo.
Dr. F. V. Green, from Los Angeles, Calif., to Stimson Bldg., Alhambra, Calif.
Dr. E. E. Mills, from 309 W. 5th St., to 169 West 54th St., New York, N. Y.
Dr. Carie Frazier, from Monroe St., to 44 East Chicago St., Coldwater, Mich.
Dr. Milbourne Rooney, from 522 Orange St., Newark, N. J., to 215 Main St., East Orange, N. J.
Dr. Laura Leobutt, from Monroe, from Metropolitan Bldg., Orange, N. J. to 215 Main St., East Orange, N. J.
Dr. Peter C. Hart, from Kankakee, Ill., to Morris, 111.
Dr. J. F. Alderson, from Hill Bldg., Ft. Scott, Kan., to 72 Green St., Urbana, Ill.
Dr. Willard B. Candeau, from Pacific Grove, Calif., to Oak St., Sun Prospero, Cal.
Dr. W. E. & Amy L. Lyons, from Firth, Nebr., to Syracuse, N. Y., Aug. 18th.
Dr. E. Clair Jones has changed the location of his branch office from 25 Builders' Exchange Bldg, Baltimor, Md., to 23 East Walnut St. Lancaster, Ohio.
Dr. Leon R. Hawes, from 44 E. Chicago St., Coldwater, Mich., to 49 S. Main St., Adrian, Mich.

Personal.

Dr. W. B. Dozier of Atlanta, Ga., has had a long spell of illness, but is convalescing rapidly now.

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