

"DAMN IT—HE CURES THEM!"

An Interesting Story, Telling of the Beginning of the First Osteopathic College, Told by Wm. Smith, Graduate of a Seven Year Course at Edinburg.

"But damn it—he cures them!" These were the words that first interested me in osteopathy, that led me to meet Dr. Still, and that laid the foundation for ten years of hard work in the interests of the science.

I was in Kirksville, Mo., in the month of June, 1892. In an office on the south side of the square I met Dr. McCarthy, who was bitterly expressing his feelings at the decline of medical practice in the town, stating that "an old quack had killed business." I remarked that nothing would please me more were I in practice, than the presence of a quack; he would make business. To that McCarthy replied in the words with which I begin this article. I told him that, in that case, if he cured the people, he was, in my opinion, no quack, but simply a man of greater experience. I backed up my opinion by going over to see the so-called quack.

I found an office in an old log cottage, which was simply filled with persons reciting to one another wonders which they had either experienced themselves or seen others experience. I remained, made an appointment for half an hour of the doctor's time that evening at the Pool hotel, and waited from that moment impatiently for the evening to come. At that office I had heard enough to interest me.

At the appointed hour the Old Doctor entered my room. Our conversation lasted—not half an hour, but four hours. I sat entranced; the theories he introduced were so novel, so contrary to all I had ever read or heard, that I failed to follow his reasoning. Arguments as to their impossibility were simply met with the one statement: "But it is so; there are no 'ifs' and 'ands' about it; I do what I tell you, and the people get well." At length I asked for proof and until two o'clock the next morning I was going from boarding-house to boarding-house seeing patients and getting confirmation. I was satisfied that cures were made—of that there could be no doubt. But let me interrupt myself. Before ever I saw Dr. Still I knew that McCarthy's statement that he did cure was true, for McCarthy told me at that time that Dr. Still had cured him eight months before of asthma of long standing.

To make a long story short, we sat and talked on the stoop of Dr. Still's house 'till four o'clock, and when I went back to the hotel it was with the understanding that in July I would come to Kirksville to teach Anatomy to a small class and myself to learn osteopathy. What an example we have here! As Dr. Henry Marks said to me at the City hospital in the October of that year: "Still is a philanthropist, but a fool; he could keep that knowledge to himself and his family—make himself and them all rich; but he gives it to the world. We need more men like that."

Our little class opened in September. I can shut my eyes now and see that gathering in a small back room at the tumble-down cottage. Eighteen students were there (the class had subsequently twenty-three members), and each and every one there was there not for the money there was in it, but had either been a sufferer and was cured by osteopathy or a close friend had been. Mamie Harter, Hatten, Ward (who afterwards claimed that he had been the true sufferer), Mrs. Gentry and Mrs. Peters and Hill had seen Dr. Still in a very

...eager for further information. In 1898 there were over 100 members of the college; every one had a membership of eighteen; every one had save Materia Medica, was taught. Surely no marvel. In 1892 I had foreseen that as time went on should begin to be rapid. At the first lecture which I delivered (the first lecture ever delivered in an osteopathic school), I had prophesied that ten years would see that frame cottage replaced by a handsome brick building; that the class of eighteen would swell to a school attendance of over five hundred and that there would be five hundred practitioners in the field. All laughed. That prophecy was fulfilled in less than five years. What has made the success of osteopathy? Honesty and loyal work, self-sacrifice and devotion to a great principle; loyalty to the truth, to man and to woman. And, let me add, that the essential source of the success of Dr. Still and osteopathy comes from the very truth of that remark of Dr. McCarthy: "Damn it, he cures them!"

I cannot go further back than 1892 of my own knowledge—back to the days in 1865, when Dr. Still and Maj. Abbott, hiding from the bushwhackers out in a corn field in Kansas, meditated and thought on these lines; to the day in 1874 when Dr. Still stumbled on his first truth; to the time in 1890, when Ward was carried to him on a stretcher at Eldorado Springs, to find out if he could be cured of his asthma. These were before my time; but my experience in osteopathy, my knowledge of it, leads me to look for a great future for it. The seed has been sown; the soil has been tilled and tilled; the growth, so far, has been vigorous. The future lies in the hands of the men and women who are now practicing it. If they are faithful to their trust all will be well, and it is my confidence in their faith, their loyalty and their devotion, which leads me to augur a great future for the science to which the best years of my life have been devoted.—William Smith, M. D., D. O., Kirksville, Mo.

WOMAN OWNED FIFTY SALOONS

Mrs. Catherine Stahl, Walla Walla Brewer, Leaves Big Fortune.

The estate of Mrs. Catherine Stahl, the wealthy brewer, will be appraised in a few days and is expected to show the largest value in property of any woman in the northwest, says a Walla Walla dispatch of April 24. Mrs. Stahl bequeathed \$300,000 in cash to three grandchildren living here with their mother, their father having died. Her daughter, Mrs. Lulu Swartz, and son, Frank H., are to share the remainder of the property share and share alike, save the son cannot sell his interest.

Mrs. Stahl had large real estate holdings in this county, in Columbia and Garfield counties and in Umatilla county, Oregon. She owned 50 saloons in different cities at the time of her death, though her principal wealth was in land.

Called to Walla Walla.

Dr. Heisley was called to Walla Walla last Friday in consultation over the case of Mr. Garrecht at the St. Mary's hospital. Mr. Garrecht fell and injured his hip about three months ago. Dr. Heisley was called because of his experience in several other cases of similar nature, and he diagnosed it as a fracture of the neck of the femur. A fracture of this kind and a dislocation are very hard to differentiate. While in the city he was called to diagnose two other hip cases which proved to be dislocations, one of which had been treated eight months for rheumatism.

Whitman College Won.

Whitman College won the big intercollegiate track meet at Pullman last Saturday between the University of Idaho, Washington State College, and Whitman College. Whitman's score was 52, W. S. C.'s 37, and Idaho's 33. Whitman won nine out of the fourteen first places, Idaho won five, and Pullman did not win a single first place, and lost the relay to Idaho as well. Philbrook of Whitman won four first places, and Martin of Whitman tied the Coast record in the 220 yard dash at 22 seconds flat, and did the hundred in 10 flat. Whitman regards this as the most important victory of the year. Having defeated the University of Washington at Seattle in track a few days ago, Whitman already has the championship of three States, and hopes to land the Northwest championship when the University of Oregon comes to Walla Walla on the 13th of May. With good weather Martin is expected to do the hundred in less than 10 seconds.

Buys Splendid Farm.

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