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PREFACE

THE purpose of this volume is to reflect the position occupied by Osteopathy as a system of therapy. Osteopathy is the name applied to that school of practice of the healing art which has developed as the result of the theories and discoveries of Dr. Andrew Taylor Still. The two basic theories, first propounded by Dr. Still, and forming the tenets upon which the osteopathic school rests are: first, the theory of the mechanical lesion as a cause of disease; and, second, the theory that the normal chemical body is practically immune.

Osteopathy has so demonstrated its usefulness to mankind that a spirit of inquiry has been aroused as to just what Osteopathy is, what it has done and what may be expected of it. With a view to preparing a volume which may in a measure provide the information desired, these pages have been arranged.

Little originality of text has been attempted, but, rather, in the review of the osteopathic literature that has appeared from time to time in the professional and other publications, an effort has been made to select such articles as seem appropriate for this volume. These, in

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some instances rearranged and condensed to omit technicalities, have been compiled in a more or less logical order, giving the history of Osteopathy, its development as a science, an exposition of its theories, some of its practical workings and something concerning its founder, Dr. Andrew Taylor Still.

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