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THE treatment of Spinal Curvature advocated in the following pages has been adopted by me for several years, but I have hitherto refrained from publishing anything relating thereto, in order that before doing so it might be submitted to the test of practical application in cases to which it is especially suited.

This I have done in a large number of instances, and carefully noted the results, from which I am able to say that the method I have termed "The Gentle Treatment of Spinal Curvature" effects in the majority of cases greater and more permanent benefit than any of the plans of procedure hitherto in use.

It will be noticed that I have not entered at any length into the characteristics of the different varieties of Spinal Curvature, or given detailed descriptions of appliances introduced in late years by myself and others for special cases of vertebral distortion.

This could not have been done without the

use of illustrations, which, together with the descriptive text, would have made a bulky volume instead of a mere *brochure*, as I intended.

Moreover, to have done so would have been to reproduce much that is contained in my "Treatise on Spinal Curvature," and in the "Manual of Orthopraxy," to which I would refer those of my readers who desire such information on Spinal Deformities as does not come within the scope of the present work.

If the remarks and suggestions to be found in the subsequent pages have the effect of promoting a more rational system of treating these troublesome distortions, my object in publishing them will have been fully accomplished.

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