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## ADDRESS

By Dr. A. T. Still to His Students and Diplomates May 7th, 1894.

To the Students and Diplomates in Osteopathy—Greeting: At the threshold of your Osteopathic duties you have the supreme satisfaction of knowing that you are confronted with a science. By a systematic, rigid adherence to its never failing laws you will ever prove an honor to yourself, a blessing to this school and a benefactor to mankind. You should ever remember that Osteopathy adheres strictly to the well defined and immutable laws of nature, and it is an unerring Deity who wills it so. And as such it only remains for the Osteopath to conform to these laws and his efforts in this life will not only be crowned with success, but made rich with the thanks of his fellow-man. You are indeed to be congratulated upon the splendid grades attained at the close of the recent examinations—for an average of 98.7 per cent for the entire session is not to be excelled or even equaled by any institution of learning of whatever nature on the American Continent. The American School of Osteopathy stands to-day the very essence of success. It has reached this successful attitude in spite of vicious schemes invented by designing men to connect our beloved science with antiquated ignorance and modern chicanery, and force us to accept relationship with allopathic drugs, homœopathic pills, electrical shocks, medicated sweat tubs and official surgery. We are proud of the fact that our science, so dear to our hearts, is giving more relief to suffering humanity where properly applied, than all the sciences known to human sympathy combined. We pride ourselves on the truth that we are daily giving to suffering souls health and comfort, peace and happiness, relief from pain, and good will toward men. This is the sole object of our school, and we should strive to maintain it in its stainless purity. No system of allopathy, with its fatal drugs, should e'er be permitted to enter our doors. No homœopathic practice, with its sugar-coated pills, must be allowed to stain or pollute our spotless name. No official surgery, with its ancient ignorance and modern mendacity can possibly find an abiding place within the mind of the true, tried and qualified Osteopath. Oste-



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opathy asks not the aid of anything else. It can "paddle its own canoe" and perform its works within itself when understood. All it asks is a thorough knowledge of the unerring laws that govern its practice, and the rest is yours. Eminent physicians and surgeons of the "old school," who have attained considerable prominence in their respective localities and who were former instructors in this institution of learning, have cheerfully and freely given us their affidavits as an evidence of the high regard in which they hold the science of Osteopathy. To them, as their sworn statement shows, Osteopathy stands pre-eminently above all things else. They do not link it with various other devices for the relief of suffering humanity, but make it the all absorbing and permanent science of the age. So with pleasure I submit you the following sworn statements.

"Kirksville, Mo., Jan. 13, 1893—I am a fully qualified physician and surgeon, registered to practice. I have an intimate acquaintance with the methods of treating disease known as Osteopathy, in which no drugs are used. I solemnly and sincerely swear that I believe and know the above system to be in advance of anything known to the general medical profession in the treatment of disease.

Andrew P. Davis, M. D., Registered in Mo., Ill., Colo., Cal., and Texas.

William Smith, Physician and Surgeon. Registered in Scotland and Missouri.

F. S. Davis, M. D. Registered in Texas.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of January, A. D., 1893.

My commission expires September 5, 1895.

(SEAL) Wm T. Porter, Notary Public.

Thus will be seen the position that Osteopathy occupies in the estimation of these gentlemen, who doubtless would blush with shame to see their names affixed to anything inconsistent or contrary to their sworn statements. It will be observed that allopathy, homœopathy, eclecticism and official surgery in particular are conspicuously evaded—and surely they would not stoop to belittle our science by mixing or connecting it with these fading sciences of antiquity. You are thus appealed to, to be likewise in the practice of your chosen profession. Remember that all power is powerless except the unerring Deity of your being, to whose unchangeable laws you must conform, if you hope to win the battle of your life. Osteopathy to you should be the guiding, glittering star of your career. In its study you will find room for every thought, a place for every idea, and comfort for every fear. New and difficult cases will be presented to you for

adjustment, but stick to Osteopathy. Do not warp your intellect or stain the good name of this school by straying after strange gods. Always bear in mind that Osteopathy will do the work if properly applied, that all else is unnatural, unreasonable, is therefore wrong and should not be entertained by the student or diplomate, who has the brains to grasp in all its fullness the most advanced and most appreciated science of the Nineteenth Century. If Osteopathy is not all within itself, it is nothing. It walks hand in hand with nothing but nature's laws, and for this reason alone it marks the most significant progress in the history of scientific research, and is as plainly understood by the natural mind as the gild at evening tide that decks the golden West. Hear me again! You are the only true and brave soldiers in the great army of freedom, battling for the liberation of fettered bodies. On your conscientious work will rest the thanks of man. Live up to the great cause of Osteopathy and let not the weary one fall by the wayside. Lift in sympathy and love the suffering brother from out the depths of disease and drugs. Let your light so shine before men that the world will know you are an Osteopath pure and simple, and that no prouder title can follow a human name. Stand by the "old flag" of Osteopathy, on whose fluttering folds are emblazoned in letters of glittering gold—"One science, one Lord, one faith and one baptism."

GRADUATING EXERCISES  
Of the First Class of the American School of Osteopathy.  
The second day of March, 1894 marked the first mile stone in the progress of the American School of Osteopathy and will always be remembered as a red letter day by the students and friends of the new science. Osteopathy remains no longer in the realms of doubt, but has become a fixed fact in the great field of thought and action. If the doubtful and the skeptical could have faced the magnificent audience that greeted Dr. Still and his graduating class that evening in Smith's opera house, they would have been immediately convinced that Dr. Still's method of treatment and the science of Osteopathy was destined, not only to occupy a most prominent position in the scientific world, but that it would eventually be the accepted meth-

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