

AMOS L. BUTERBAUGH, now living retired in the town of Lovejoy, after spending many years in agricultural pursuits in Indiana county, was born in Green township, this county, July 29, 1849, and is a son of Henry and Mary (Langham) Buterbaugh.

William Buterbaugh, the paternal grandfather of Amos L. Buterbaugh, was a native of Germany and came to the United States in young manhood. He first settled in Center county, Pa. A farmer by occupation, he became one of Indiana county's early settlers, locating in what is now known as Pleasant Valley, where, assisted by his seven sons, he cleared a farm, there passing the remainder of his life.

Henry Buterbaugh, son of William, was the father of Amos L. Buterbaugh. He was born in Center county, Pa., Feb. 28, 1809, and as a youth became proficient in the trades of carpenter, cabinetmaker and millwright. He conducted a mill near the present town of Starford, Indiana county, from 1855 to 1879, dying July 3d of the latter year. His wife, who was born May 23, 1818, in Bedford county, Pa., died Dec. 12, 1898. They had five children, as follows: Margaret, deceased, who was the wife of John M. Nichol, who resided near Purchase Line, Green township; Jane, wife of John W. Gallagher, of Green township; Elias, who is deceased; Amos L.; and Sarah M., deceased, who was the wife of George F. Houck.

William Langham, the maternal grandfather of Amos L. Buterbaugh, came to Indiana county from Bedford county, Pa., and settled near Cookport, in Green township, where he was engaged in farming throughout the remainder of his life.

Amos L. Buterbaugh obtained his elementary education in the public schools of Green township, and attended the high school at Marion Center, graduating therefrom in 1868. When a young man he turned his attention to mercantile pursuits at Cookport, where he resided for seven years. Later he was engaged in the lumber business for sixteen years, and he next occupied himself in taking up coal lands for a number of companies, subsequently platting the lands for the Philadelphia Water Company. When he had completed this latter work he was elected justice of the peace, in which office he served five years, and since completing this term of service has lived practically retired, although he has been on the auditing board of Indiana county for some years.

On July 3, 1873, Mr. Buterbaugh was married to Mary J. Refner, who was born in Cambria county, Pa., daughter of Joseph and Jane (Duncan) Refner, who came to Indiana county from Cambria county and died at Pine Flats. Mrs. Buterbaugh died April 15, 1882, the mother of one child, H. Clyde, now a resident of Latrobe, Pa. Mr. Buterbaugh was married (second) Oct. 26, 1882, to Rebecca J. Phillips, who was born near Gettysburg, Indiana county, July 27, 1864, daughter of Jacob and Ellen Phillips, the former of whom now resides near Saltsburg; the latter is deceased. They have had the following children: Edward S., who is now in Colorado; Mary and Archie, who are deceased; Willis W., now in Colorado; Clare, attending college at Lancaster, Pa.; and Clarence, Dennis, Lester, Charles and Jessie, all at home. Mr. and Mrs. Buterbaugh are faithful members of the Baptist Church.

Mr. Buterbaugh took up the study of therapeutics, studying from 1902 to 1906, but he never engaged in active practice. Mrs. Buterbaugh has for a number of years been a successful practitioner of suggestive therapeutics, making her headquarters at Lovejoy, and the following remarks from her pen on suggestive therapeutics and applied psychology, what it is, how it restores health and the principles upon which the science is based, will be found of interest. She took a correspondence course under Prof. S. A. Weltmer, as a student of the school at Nevada, Mo., and received the degree of S. T., graduating May 3, 1910.

Suggestive therapeutics is a system of cure in which normal function is restored by bringing mind and body into harmony with environment. It has been discovered through experiments and demonstrated in practice that the administration of poisonous chemicals is never the only alternative, and that relief given by general surgery may be had without resorting to surgery.

Prof. Sydney A. Weltmer is the author and founder of the science of suggestive therapeutics. The Weltmer Institute, which has been established in Nevada, Mo., since Feb. 19, 1898, is the realization of the ideals of a man who, in early life, overcame an affliction which is generally considered fatal; an experience which led him to believe that all diseases could be cured and started him upon the quest for a scientific knowledge of healing which should make possible such result. He experimented and studied for sixteen years, and at last he conceived clearly that, inasmuch as every mode of treatment has cures to its credit; as every method and the practice of doctors of the same method are different, and in many instances entirely contradictory; there must be a common cause behind all cures, by whatever method. With this realization came the positive assurance that the only common element in every cure, no matter how treated, is the intelligent response of the inherent forces within the patient's own being to the suggestion of a cure. The surgeon operates and depends upon nature to cure, the physician gives medicine and engages a nurse, and depends on the constitution of the patient to pull him through.

Every other method or plan of treatment places its final dependence upon the restoration of function. In suggestive therapeutics we restore a normal condition in the mind, tissues and organs, following which the natural secretions of the body eliminate disease and restore and maintain the normal condition, which is health.

Incurable disease can be cured. In the specific treatment of any case there is no necessity to resort to any painful or dangerous measures. The writer in the profession of therapist in the last two years has treated over a thousand patients for the so-called incurable diseases, with about eighty per cent of cures.

A cure by suggestive therapeutics is a cure by nature. The restoration to health comes as a result of thorough revitalization of every nerve and tissue of the body. It is a physical and mental rejuvenation. The trained therapist knows how to control the blood supply, stimulate the nerves and relax the tissues; analyze the mental state; diagnose the physical condition; readjust the mental processes; so that what the physician describes as the "constitution" of the patient and the surgeon means by "nature" the therapist knows as mind

may respond by manufacturing chemicals and secretions within the laboratories of the body to dissolve and excrete the state of normal health.

Suggestive therapeutics comprehends the fact that all substances taken into and composing the body have certain chemical qualities and form various chemical combinations, and we recognize further that when these chemicals and organic substances are transformed into living protoplasm every particle is endowed with a degree of intelligence, so although "food chemistry" is considered we discourage the usual critical analysis and selection of diet. Except in extreme cases the patient is allowed perfect freedom in the selection of foods. However, Thorough mastication and composure while eating are required in all cases. The patient will voluntarily overcome and abandon all unnatural appetites as soon as the nervous system is restored to normal. All parts of the general treatment and conduct of a case contribute to revitalize the nervous system.

It is an accepted fact that eighty-five per cent of all disease have their origin nervous deficiency. The most direct result of nervous deficiency is vasomotor disturbance or passive congestion, which interferes with the blood stream and hinders it in the concentration immunizing bodies in its effort to prohibit diseases from the tissues.

Suggestive therapeutics is sufficiently broad in its technique to pen the right of way, no matter what the affliction may be. There is no incurable disease, and there is no incurable case. We do not cure every case; we do not enable people to live forever and we do not propose to teach them to do so; but we do know that it is possible to overcome any condition which may afflict the human body, and we know it will be done just as soon as we learn always to secure the necessary response from the mind of the patient. Health is natural.

All the forces of nature combat disease. While the symptoms remain acute, nature fights for complete elimination. When symptoms become chronic, nature has acknowledged the right of the disease to remain and adjusted her forces to maintain an armed truce. In acute cases timely assistance will always give nature the victory. In chronic cases the forces of nature must be profoundly marshaled, new blood must be hurried to the front and supplies and enthusiasm sustained until the disease may be dislodged and harmonious functions restored in the regions involved.

What disease can be cured by suggestive therapeutics? Our experience as well as "Case Records" show our technique of suggestive therapeutics to be applicable in the widest range of disease. Its present permanency and vogue is doubtless best explained by its influence in regulating cell metabolism, thus increasing nutritive processes and re-establishing vital function, thereby permitting the cellular reaction and adaptation, which comprise nature's protective reparative processes to defend the body against disease of whatever nature. It is known that these reactions are cellular, being the special function of the leucocytes, but doubtless participated in to a degree by all cells.

These important processes comprise phagocytosis (ingestion and removal of dead foreign material, bacteria, etc.) and the production of special chemical substances, in the tissues and blood serum, which unite with poisons, toxins,

etc., rendering them innocuous. While circumstances have ordained that suggestive therapeutics should merit its right and title to public consideration and commendation through its success in treating chronic and otherwise incurable disorders, it has been demonstrated to have an even greater proportionate influence over acute disease, as instanced by our almost uniform success with appendicitis, acute inflammatory rheumatism, fevers, etc.

By reason of its utilizing and invoking the most natural, rational and scientific means (nature's way) to an end, its cures are naturally effected with the utmost possible celerity, even subjecting us in past and less enlightened days to criticisms, such as "miraculous," "satanic," etc.

Below is a review of some of the groups of disorders amenable to treatment. Some diseases are especially amenable to cure through suggestive therapeutics. Disease attended by acute or chronic inflammatory reaction are especially responsive to our treatment. This includes the widest possible range of disease throughout all parts of the body, (we define inflammation as nature's reaction to injurious agents), specific tonsillitis, appendicitis, gastritis, enteritis, neuritis, hepatitis, with or without pus or abscess formation, cellulites, erysipelas, and blood poisoning from any of its numerous causes; disease of the respiratory system, inflammatory (see above) as tonsillitis, laryngitis, bronchitis, pneumonia, tuberculosis, or nervous and mechanical, such as asthma, etc.; diseases of the alimentary system, including liver and pancreas, inflammatory gastritis, enteritis, colitis, or functional or nervous, as dyspepsia, from different causes, constipation, hemorrhoids, etc.; diseases of vascular system, arterio sclerosis, functional and organic heart disease, chlorosis, goiter, etc.; disease of the genitor-urinary system, nephritis (Bright's disease), stone in kidney or bladder, etc.; disease of the nervous system, apoplexy, chorea, epilepsy, locomotor ataxia, etc.; diseases of the skin, parasitic and inflammatory; all conditions caused by depleted nerve tone; disease of special sense, such as eye, ear, nose and throat. In fact all disease can be relieved by suggestive therapeutics, since the treatment is not aimed at symptoms, the result of disease conditions, but is devoted to the direct assistance in eradicating the cause and opening the right of way for nature, the mater healer of her children's ills.