

HYGEO-THERAPEUTIC INSTITUTE AND MAGNETIC INFIRMARY,

By Dr. C. A. DEGROODT.

TO THE PUBLIC:

After several years of very successful practice as a magnetic physician in the treatment and cure of disease, at Clarinda, Iowa, I have removed to Burlington, this state, and have established the above named institution for the restoration to health of all who may be committed to my care. The Institute building is located on West Hill, at 101 Augusta street, within one block of the West Hill street cars, and easily accessible to the public. The location is healthy, pleasant and attractive, and will be a delightful and pleasant resort for invalids, with all the conveniences of a large city close at hand, whilst at the same time preserving the quietness and peace of the home fireside.

Lack of facilities compelled me to leave Clarinda for the more available city of Burlington. Further, I could not obtain in Clarinda a building proper and suitable for the right kind of a health institute. Besides my business and practice increased so rap-

idly on my hands that I was compelled to seek a better location, and one more convenient to railroads, and also more readily and easily accessible to the general public.

The Health Building and all its surroundings are pleasant and well situated. The Institute, inside and out, will always be kept clean and in order, and the very best sanitary conditions will be constantly maintained. Everything will be done that can be done to preserve the purity of the surroundings, and to promote a hopeful and cheerful disposition in the minds of the sick and infirm.

Good board will be furnished to the patients, in a building specially prepared for the purpose, at reasonable terms, owing to disease and attendant circumstances.

The system of treatment will largely consist of magnetic manipulation, in connection with a variety of baths, chiefly the vapor bath, and the scientific use of electricity. Every description of chronic disease is treated, including the opium habit, and diseases peculiar to women and children.

* An electric and magnetic *Advocate*, containing methods of treatment and a great number of certificates of cure, mostly from residents of Clarinda, Iowa, will be sent free of charge to any one addressing me here at Burlington.

A well regulated system of baths adds great efficiency to any institution, whether electric, hot air or vapor baths. At this institution special use will be made of steam vapor baths, whose great useful-

ness in the cure of disease is but little understood by the general public, because generally so little brought in contact with it under persons competent to properly administer it.

The physical organization is composed of cells so small that it requires a microscope of great power to reveal them to the eye, and each cell is endowed with cell-life, and each cell, in perfect working condition, is necessary to the health of the body. The skin contains millions of little tubes, the total length of which is over twenty-eight miles. Could the body be wholly and thoroughly painted all over with any substance that would wholly exclude the air, certain and speedy death would quickly ensue. Standard medical works and standard medical authorities will tell you that these facts are true. Now the great majority of sick people are so completely shut in by the gradual stopping up of these little cells and pores that their life becomes a kind of gradual death. Of course the great majority of the sick realize the benefit and value of bathing, and, after a fashion, do bathe. But ordinary bathing will not do. It is not searching enough. It does not reach the seat of the disease. It has not the energy and power to go deep enough, and complete that internal revolution which opens up the almost solidified cells and brings their poisonous contents to the surface. Hence the necessity of the steam vapor bath and its proper application under competent management.

It very often happens that under the energy of the steam bath, rightly applied, poisons are expelled

that have been entrenched in the system for years; brought out as it were from the very innermost tissues. Sometimes the odor of drugs and of various narcotics is plainly and strikingly perceptible to the sense of smell under the energy which is relieving the body of its dangerous enemy.

So much in regard to the essential need of the steam vapor bath in a diseased and choked up state of the system.

Now, if, after patient investigation of the facts presented in this pamphlet, you desire to get well, come to my institute here in Burlington, and I will do my best to restore you to health by these baths, in connection with magnetic treatment and other means. If I see that I cannot cure you, or benefit you, I will tell you so. I will deal with you as a thoroughly honest and conscientious man in every respect, and on the basis of a reputation already established, and a successful practice of many years in the western part of the state.

I do not claim to cure all diseases, as some do who are quacks and not physicians; but if you will call on me here in Burlington I will tell you where you are in trouble; point out, as nearly as possible, the cause of your suffering, and will charge you nothing for it. Consultation, critical and thorough, will always be free, and in case I cannot help you I will freely tell you so.

It will also afford me great pleasure to enter into correspondence with any of the sick and suffering in the country, with regard to the particular disease

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with which they may be afflicted. In the past my experience in this respect has been productive of the most beneficial results. Many invalids have thus been restored to health who had become apathetic, and in whose breasts hope had well-nigh departed forever.

In regard to charges for treatment, it is impossible for me to make any fixed or invariable standard. Many patients require four or five times more treatment than others. For instance, some cases of paralysis require a vast amount of hard, persistent application to effect a cure, whilst others, whose nervous system is all unstrung and shattered, require careful, gentle treatment, and are more easily managed. Length of time, hard work, the desperate nature of the disease, the actual good accomplished, and many other things all enter into the calculation in regard to the charges for treatment; but let it suffice to say that no charges will be exorbitant or immoderate. Nothing will be asked for in the shape of fees but what all honest people can approve. "Live and let live" is the grand motto which should inspire all reasonable creatures; and to do good to the sick and the suffering; to comfort, cheer and restore those who are in pain, should be the first great object of the true physician, and the consideration of the fees should be about the last.

THE POWER OF MAGNETISM.

THE REASONS WHY IT CONQUERS DISEASE.

Having considered the efficacy and the necessity of the steam bath, I shall now very briefly speak of magnetism. All elements are powerful in proportion as they are subtile and refined in their nature. Light, heat and electricity are familiar examples. Fineness is power; coarseness is weakness. Thus rocks and earths being coarse and inert, have only the passive power of resistance. But water, being more light and subtile, and possessing greater power, can readily dissolve earth and wear away the hardest rocks. Air is still more subtile than the water, and is eight hundred times lighter in weight, yet, in the exercise of its tremendous power, it can prostrate forests and sweep the ocean into spray. Next we come to steam, still more refined and subtile, and which can tear the very earth asunder in the throes of the earthquake. Electricity, far more potent still, is one of the mighty forces which swings our world onward through space, and holds the millions of stars in their places throughout the boundless fields of Nature. One more step forward and we come to the grandest, the most subtile and refined force operating in human affairs—the vital Aura, the direct interpreter of life itself—the force called MAGNETISM; a principle so subtile that it can search through and through all other substances,

and use even electricity itself in its mission among men. Thus does grandeur in power increase as we leave the coarse and the unrefined, and ascend towards the ethereal and the refined.

Again, my friends, you all know there are incurable cases. Should yours be such, I will tell you. Do not think because you have no faith in my way of doctoring that I will not cure you, for when you are once cured, you must have faith in my way of doctoring. For the proof of this, I refer you to the Scriptures. Read the 12th chapter of 1st Corinthians, verse 1:

"Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant, (8th verse,) for to one is given * * * the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge; * * * to another, faith; * * * to another, GIFTS OF HEALING; * * * to another, the working of miracles."

Now, friends, I am no modern spiritualist. Neither do I claim to perform miracles, but only claim simply to have *the gift of healing*. Read the 14th chapter of the same book, and the 1st verse; "Follow after charity and desire spiritual gifts." I will also request you to read Rom. XIII, 1: "There is no powers but of God; the powers that be are ordained of God." Read also St. Mark XVI, 17:

"And these signs shall follow them that believe; in my name shall they cast out devils; *they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover.*"

I do not think it necessary to mention here any further proofs of this way in healing the afflicted.

I would just say to you, please read the New Testament through carefully, and you will find nothing against this way of healing, but you will find its teachings all in favor of it. I believe in trusting in God for all things, for without Him we can do nothing. If you are suffering from any disease, do not wait any longer, but come and consult me while you have opportunity. Come and let me examine your case, and I will tell you whether or not I can do anything for you, and then I will leave it with you to say whether or not you will have anything done. I give no medicine. Do not think you cannot be cured without it.

Call on me at once at the Magnetic Infirmary building, on West Hill, 101 Augusta street, Burlington, Iowa. Hoping you will receive me as your friend, and as one worthy of your most implicit confidence, I trust you will give this matter your prompt and earnest attention.

I am now permanently located in Burlington, and shall devote my whole time and attention to the cure of the sick and distressed. The highest scientific appliances, backed up by skill and experience, will always be at the command of those who may place themselves under my care for the cure of disease.

I am married, but have no children. Everything will be quiet about the Institute. No noise; no disturbance of any kind. Nothing whatever that can in any way disturb the sick, or prevent their speedy recovery under the most favorable conditions.

My wife will assist in giving the baths, and will

have the general supervision of the ladies' department in this respect. Hence, ladies need not have the slightest delicacy in taking thorough bath treatment in connection with magnetic healing at this Institute.

Now I am well prepared with *bona fide* certificates from both ladies and gentlemen in the highest standing, in proof of my success, skill and integrity as a physician. None of these are "*manufactured*" for the occasion, as is the custom with so many irresponsible and soulless quacks, who trade on the infirmities of their fellow men and speculate on the misfortunes of the unfortunate; but all of my certificates are realities, backed up by name, date and place of residence, and subject to the most searching investigation that can be brought to bear at any time. Is this not enough? Can the public ask more at the hands of any physician?

Many of these certificates refer to cases of chronic disease of over fifteen years' duration, where the cure effected has seemed to be almost incredible, and a matter of astonishment to the patients themselves. Many cases that were absolutely incurable received great benefit, and the patients returned home experiencing great relief—in fact the greatest relief possible in this life, under the circumstances.

As will be noticed, a great number of these certificates refer to people residing in or near my own town, Clarinda, Page Co., Iowa, and naturally have a value that not even the most incredulous dare dispute. No better indorsement of a man can be re-

quired than that which is spontaneously furnished by the citizens of his own town, or the county in which he resides. This is *prima facie* evidence of the skill of any physician, as well as of his integrity and good faith as a man.

Each and every certificate given here is genuine—name, date and residence—and the public at any time can investigate as thoroughly as may be deemed proper and desirable. I could easily double the number of certificates published in this pamphlet, but have not the space required, and I deem it also unnecessary, as I have certainly furnished enough to convince the most skeptical of the truth of the remarkable cures which I, under the help of Divine Providence, have effected for the sick during the last few years in this state.

Now, once more let me say, (as I have already stated,) that good board will be furnished at the Institute at as reasonable rates as can be furnished anywhere in the city, and a general air of comfort and quietness prevail. Everything will be just as home-like and happy to you as it is possible to make it. Your own fireside will not be more cosy, sunny or peaceful in any respect.

All charges will be moderate and reasonable, and consultation will be frank, free and satisfactory to all.

Now, come and see me, and as before stated, if I can't do anything for you, I will tell you; and also if I can benefit you I will tell you so, and you can promptly avail yourself of my services to once more restore you to health, peace and happiness.

Come and see me, and I trust and I *know* that you will find me just as this pamphlet represents me—a plain, kind-hearted man, devoting every moment of his time to the needs and wants of suffering humanity; whose religion mainly consists in modeling his life to the requirements of the Golden Rule, and in all things loving and respecting his neighbor as himself.

I am wholly willing to leave my past life in the hands of those who know me best, as being the best proof as to whether I have lived up to the standard named in the great rule set down in Holy Writ for the government of all.

I believe in the II avon and in the immortality so graphically and so beautifully prophesied in the Sacred Scriptures, and I devoutly hope, as I ripen for the harvest, to be able, at the close of life, to truthfully say that I never, in word, act or deed, directly or indirectly, advised an invalid contrary to what I believed their best interests, or ever accepted a single penny that I did not think I had conscientiously and honestly earned.

Very respectfully and truly yours, &c.

DR. C. S. DEGROODT.

TESTIMONIALS.

TO ALL WHO MAY WANT TO KNOW:

I will say this of Dr. Degroodt, that he has healing power—the gift of healing by the laying on of hands. It is demonstrated in the many cases of the sick in

our town that he has successfully restored to health through his system of treatment. Cases that the regulars here have failed in, or did not cure, he has taken and cured. I, for one, when sick unto death, when my own medicines failed of success, and could get no relief from my suffering, being the last resort, I sent for Dr. Degroodt, received treatment, and got immediate relief—got well. The beauty of Dr. Degroodt's treatment is, he cures a great many, helps a great many, and hurts none. It is not necessary to refer to the many cases he has successfully treated, but I will refer to the cases of Mrs. C. Spears, who was suddenly taken down very bad, and as suddenly restored to health by Dr. D.'s treatment; also Mrs. Annie Cooper, who had long suffered with chronic catarrh, had settled in her head and eyes, with a few gentle treatments from Dr. D. was relieved of her malady and is now well; also Mrs. Parker, who was afflicted with neuralgia and nervous headache, whom I could not, or did not, cure, and others too, failed, with nine manipulations by Dr. D., was made whole, and now enjoys good health; will further say, during Dr. D.'s stay in our town, he deported himself as a gentleman, dealt honorably with all, paid his debts and left like a man. May prosperity follow him in all of his attempts to do good in helping suffering humanity, is the wish of his many friends.

Dr. JOHN A. SNODGRASS.

Clarinda, Iowa, Dec. 28, 1892.

[Dr. Snodgrass is an old and respected citizen of Clarinda, well known by all the leading citizens and

business men there. He has also been elected as one of the councilmen of that place. He has had a very successful practice there, and in the neighboring towns and country around he owns considerable property, and is the owner of a large grocery store known as the firm of Snodgrass & Douchey.]

CONSUMPTION.

CLARINDA, IOWA, }
Dec, 1, 1882. }

DR. C. A. DEGROODT:

For the sake of suffering humanity I hereby certify that I was badly afflicted with lung disease; I had several physicians, supposed to be the best in Clarinda, and also had a magnetic physician in Creston, but all without any good results. Hearing of Dr. Degroodt, I sent for him. I was by this time confined to my bed, but after three weeks' treatment from the Doctor, I walked up town and back, which was about a half mile from our house. I kept going without further treatment. Since that time I have been making my own living, which I am obliged to do. I would ask all who are suffering from lung disease to take treatments from Dr. Degroodt.

Yours truly, EVA BENSON.

[I would just say that among the number of physicians who treated this young lady, was Dr. Snodgrass, who told me himself that he thought I performed a miracle in that case, as her lost lung was almost entirely gone. In about five months after the last treatment I gave this lady, my wife and I saw her in Mr. Vance's store, in Clarinda. I asked

her a few questions in regard to her health, and she said: "I am fooling nicely, and am able to do hard work once more."]

HEART DISEASE.

CLARINDA, IOWA, }
Dec. 24, 1882. }

DR. C. A. DEGROODT:

5 Dear Sir.—This is to certify that I suffered from palpitation of the heart for a number of years. One morning I was taken very suddenly with a very severe pain in my heart, which was often the case, but I think never so hard as this time. It appeared to me that I should surely die. I put my feet in hot water, as I had been in the habit of doing, but without any relief. Some of the neighbors was called in at once. They worked over me, and rubbed me, but all in vain. I was advised to send for Dr. Degroodt, which was done immediately. By the time he arrived, my limbs were apparently dead. The Doctor gave me one treatment—simply by laying on his hands, without any rubbing or use of medicine. I was relieved of all pain in a very few minutes, and my blood was circulating well. I want to say here that I have never had one of those spells since that time, and that was on April 1, 1882, and it is now December 24, 1882. Since that time I have been advising the diseased to go to Dr. C. A. Degroodt and be cured, and I shall continue to urge. I could name here a number of patients the Doctor has had with as good success as with mine, but as he did not ask it of me, I will just say to any one wanting to know

whether this statement is true or not, can do so by writing to Mrs. C. Spears, Clarinda, Iowa, box 62.

MRS. C. SPEARS.

[I would just say this lady's husband owns property in Clarinda, and has lived there a number of years. His business is millwrighting.]

CATARRH IN HEAD.

This is to certify that our little boy, Bertie, suffered from catarrh in his head since he was about one year old. He is now nine. We tried medical aid, but all to no purpose. Hearing of Dr. Degroodt, we sent for him. He was a perfect stranger to us. He did not ask us any question, and we did not tell him what was the matter with our little boy. The Doctor set a chair out in the floor and told Bertie to sit down. Then he asked him if he did not have the headache. He says, "I have." Then said he, "you are seldom without it." As this was true, Bertie said, "I am." Then he said he would cure him. We put him under his care, and in about four weeks our boy was well.

Yours Respectfully,

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT MILLER.

Clarinda, Iowa, August 15, 1881.

NEURALGIA IN THE HEAD.

For the sake of suffering humanity I certify that I was badly afflicted with pneumonia in the head. I had been suffering from this painful disease for some time, and had many eminent physicians, but with no effect. My friends advised me to try Dr. C. A. Degroodt, (a perfect stranger to me.) I sent for him

immediatoly, and, after about one week's treatment, was permanently cured. I advise every person who is afflicted with this disease, to try him.

Yours truly, MRS. E. CALHOUN:
Clarinda, Iowa, December, 1882.

A postal card from Mr. Lot Mason.

AUBURN, ILLS., }
Nov. 17, 1882, }

Dear Sir:—Since coming home I have been feeling better than usual, and several of my friends remark that I look much better than usual. I have been looking for some word from you, rather hoping that you would change your residence to Mt. Pleasant, as I should like to take further treatment, and think I should like to go there rather than Clarinda.

Yours truly, LOT MASON.

[I deem it necessary to mention that this gentleman was badly afflicted with kidney and liver disease, and also very weak lungs, and that for a number of years. While in Clarinda, I gave him one week's treatment, when, owing to business affairs, he was obliged to return to his home. You will notice by his card that I thought of locating in Mt. Pleasant, but afterward thought it best to permanently locate in Burlington.]

LATER.

AUBURN, ILLS., }
Dec. 25, 1882. }

DR. DEGROODT, Burlington, Iowa.

Dear Sir:—Your favor of 21st came to hand on 23d. I am glad to hear that you have made arrangements to locate at Burlington, as I think it will be equally as good a point for your business, and better in one sense, for me. I am also glad to hear that

you think of having steam vapor baths connected with your Infirmary, as I think vapor baths are a good agent in many cases, I shall be glad to come out and stay with you while I can receive benefit to my health, and shall await with some degree of anxiety your note stating your readiness to treat patients. Wishing you success, I remain yours.

LOT MASON.

DR. DEGROODT:

I hope I have suffered my full share of that very painful disease, neuralgia. My first attack was over fifteen years ago, and the imperfect eye it left me is a daily reminder of what I suffered for years. In the past few months I have lived in fear of its return, and lost all faith in strong medicines as a cure, having so often tried them. I can most cheerfully and with perfect confidence recommend your treatment to those who may be afflicted with this much-dreaded complaint. I will state that in July, 1882, I had a terrible attack, and endured inexpressible pain for several days. In this extremity I called on Dr. Degroodt. From the first treatment I began to improve; and was soon restored to health, and better health than I have enjoyed for many years. This cure was effected by laying on of hands and no medicine. Strange but true.

MR. MACKAY.

Clarinda, Iowa, Dec. 12, 1882.

[Mr. Mackey is an old citizen of Clarinda, well known, and noted for his honesty. Any one who suffers from this disease, and who deem it necessary, I advise them to correspond with Mr. Mackey.]

Extract of a letter received from Mrs. M. M. Watson:

Mrs. DEGROODT. CONWAY, IOWA, }
Dec. 21, 1882. }

Dear Friend:—Your letter of the 12th just received last night, and was glad to hear from you, but was surprised to hear you had moved. Your letters found us all well, and I hope this will find you both the same. My health is improving all the time. I am able to do all the work for our family, and there are six in number, and I do all the washing and ironing. So you know I am getting stouter; and I am so thankful that I will give you a certificate for the same, as I am willing to do anything I can to help a friend, and as such I regard you both. With love to you both, I remain, as ever, your friend,

Mrs. M. M. WATSON.

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED TO KNOW:

7/6 This is to certify that I was almost instantly relieved of general female weakness and ulceration of the worst character, and all the rest of the suffering that follow this disease. I had almost constantly a pain in my head, spine and lower abdomen. During this time I was treated by as good physicians as our section of the country afforded. I found myself slowly and truly wasting away. It is with pleasure that I can truly say that after taking six treatments from you I feel well, except that I have not as yet acquired full strength, but am getting stronger and gaining in weight every day. I truly advise those afflicted from female weakness, to go to you and get well. Yours respectfully, Mrs. M. M. WATSON.
Conway, Taylor Co., Iowa. (Formerly of Clarinda.)

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DR. DEGROODT.

Dear Sir:—Wishing to add my testimony to that of the many who have received benefit from your treatment, I make the following statement: During my lifetime I have been troubled, more or less, with severe pain in my heart. About May 3, 1882, while visiting my daughter and husband, in Clarinda, I was taken with a very severe spell with my heart; was very costive; had not had a passage for four days; was confined to my bed; was advised by a near neighbor to call in Dr. Degroodt, which I did. Soon after the first treatment, my bowels moved. I began to get better from that time on. In three days' treatment I was able to return to my home, in Stansbury, Missouri, feeling better than I had felt in many months before. Yours in truth,

JAMES BUCHANAN, Stansbury, Mo.

CLARINDA, IOWA, }
April 24, 1882. }

DR. DEGROODT, Burlington, Iowa.

Dear Sir:—Having become acquainted with the untold merits of your treatments, by experience and otherwise, and feeling a deep interest in its circulation, in the name and for the sake of suffering humanity, and in much humility and respect, I feel inclined to communicate a few brief descriptions of my case. I was treated by four different physicians. They did but little good, and that did not last long. I grow worse and worse all the time, until I become so afflicted with that dreadful disease, neuralgia, that I could not sleep at nights. I can safely and

willingly recommend your treatment to all who are afflicted with neuralgia, and would advise them to apply to you without delay, and not hesitate a moment.

Yours respectfully, MRS. J. PARKER.

Being an eye-witness of the great efficacy of your treatment for neuralgia in the case of my wife, who was very low before you treated her, I sign my name in approval of the foregoing communication.

JAMES PARKER.

DIPHTHERIA.

8 This is to certify that I had the diphtheria in its worst stage. At least it was so bad that the marks of it are yet plain to be seen in my throat. This was about six months previous to the time of my writing this certificate. I was cured by Dr. Degroot in three treatments, without taking one drop of medicine.

MISS LATTIE SPEARS.
(age, 14 years.)

We testify to the same.

MR. AND MRS. CHAS. SPEARS.

Clarinda, Page Co., Iowa, Dec., 1892.

8 [I wish to state here that I have had a large number of cases of the disease above named, and have never yet failed in one. This is a disease that baffles many physician. I claim to cure the disease as I cured hers.]

DR. DEGROOT, Burlington, Iowa.

9 Dear Sir:—It is with pleasure that I send you this certificate, which you are certainly entitled to, for the restoration of the health of our family. Our little baby was very sick with lung fever; began to

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improve from the first treatment, and in a few treatments was well. Also our son, about nine years old, was badly afflicted with kidney disease; was so bad that his clothes required changing several times during the night. In a few treatments from the Doctor, he was much better; would have been entirely cured had the Doctor remained in Clarinda. My wife was also suffering from lung disease. After receiving six treatments she was much better. If my wife's health should again fail, she will certainly visit the Doctor in his new home in Burlington, for I do not believe there is another doctor in the world that can effect such cures as you can. I will do what I can to extend your practice. May a blessing be upon you and your treatment.

Very respectfully yours,

MR. AND MRS. D. SWEENEY.

Clarinda, Page Co., Iowa., Nov. 24, 1882.

[Mr. Sweeney is a prominent citizen of Clarinda, and owns an interest in the steam grist mill in that place.]

DR. DENROODT.

Dear Friend:—We desire to inform the public of what you have done for our little boy. He is nine years old, and has never had good health previous to your treatment. He always looked puny and pale. We spent considerable of money for medicines, and had a number of supposed good physicians, but without any good result. Our little boy kept growing worse until he was confined to his bed. We were advised by one of our neighbors who had been cured

by Dr. Degroodt, to send for him. We had such little faith in the treatment and our little boy was so very low, that we thought it impossible to cure him with such simple treatments. But after such a good recommend of the Doctor, by our good neighbor, we concluded to try him, thinking that if he did no good, he would surely do no harm, as he gave no medicine. We sent for him, and to our great surprise, our boy gained from the first treatment. I believe the Doctor gave him five treatments, and permanently cured him. At least, it has been two years since he took treatment from the Doctor, and he has never been so well in all his life. We most gladly say our little boy was entirely cured by Dr. C. A. Degroodt. Yours in truth,

MR. AND MRS. WALTER ADAIR.

Clarinda, Page, Co., Iowa, Dec. 30, 1882.

[This family were near neighbors of our's, in Clarinda, and we highly respect them as such.]

Dr. C. A. DEGROODT, Burlington, Iowa.

2 Please accept my thanks for the wonderful cure of neuralgia. We send you the following testimonial with pleasure: I had a severe attack of neuralgia in the face and head; it continued for about two months. During this time it had settled in my left eye. I employed four eminent physicians, one of whom was an oculist. They pronounced my case incurable. I called on Dr. Degroodt, and in one month's treatment was entirely cured. My eye is as well as it ever was. Previous to his treatment, I could not see out of this eye, and feared I would

lose my eyesight. I am satisfied if persons with neuralgia will take your treatment, they will have speedy cure.

Mrs. A. COOPER.

Clarinda, Page Co., Iowa, July 6, 1882.

St. JOSEPH, Mo., }
August 24, 1882. }

This is to certify that our little boy, Charlie, while visiting his grandmother, Mrs. C. Spears, in Clarinda, was taken with a hard chill of fever. Dr. Degroodt was called in, and in two treatments he was well.

Mrs. A. CARPENTER.

Dr. Degroodt, Burlington, Iowa.

I now wish to make a statement of my disease and your treatment of the same. I was badly afflicted with catarrh in the head for a long time. I went to see Dr. Degroodt. If only he could cure me. I took six treatments. That was two years ago, and I have never felt anything of it since. I have taken no medicine since that time, for it, and I lay my good health to Dr. Degroodt's treatment.

Yours truly,

GEORGE SKINNER.

Clarinda, Iowa, Sept. 10, 1882.

BEATRICE, NEBRASKA, }
March 2, 1880. }

I am enjoying good health ever since you treated me. When I commenced taking treatments of the Doctor I was working in an elevator; had a terrible pain in my side. One day as he was passing, I called him in. He examined me and pronounced it enlargement of the spleen. I began taking treatments, and in a short time was well and doing hard work once more. I hope that others may receive as

great ben fit as I have, under your excellent treatment.

I remain very truly yours,

MRS. J. TALLY.

DR. DEGROODT.

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Dear Friend:—It is a pleasure for me to have the opportunity of telling the public what you did for me. When I first saw the Doctor, I was confined to my bed with bloody flux, and I also had chills and fever. I was in such great pain that I could not help screaming so I was easily heard by my brother from the house to the barn, which was some distance. I had a good physician tending me, and had him for two weeks for this same disease, without any good result. Dr. D. was passing through our place, and stopped over night at our house. The next morning he asked my brother if he would let him come up to my room, as he was a physician and might do some good. His wish was granted, and I commenced taking treatments, and the third day after his treatment I was able to walk down stairs and sit at the table, and eat quite hearty. The fifth day he left my place, and I went out to the gate and bid him good bye. I wish to state also that I had spent about \$1,000 doctoring, with different doctors, for my lungs, which had troubled me for a number of years so that I was unable to do any kind of work. In about two weeks from the time above mentioned, I commenced taking treatments of Dr. D. for my lungs. He gave me about one month's treatment, and I went to work on my farm, doing all kinds of hard work, and gained in weight every day. I am enjoying good health,

and I want to say that I lay all to Dr. Degroodt's treatments. I would ask all who are suffering from consumption, to go and take treatments from the Doctor. If he does not cure you, I think your case incurable. Now if any one doubts this statement, I ask you to write me at my home in Kansas.

X. GUITARD,

Postmaster Guitard Station, Marshall Co., Kansas.

August, 1880.

I wish to testify as regards the benefit Dr. Degroodt has been to me. I had very hard fits or spasms. I will try to tell as near as possible how I acted when in these spells; at least, how others said I acted. I know nothing during the time of these spells. I would throw my hands under my knee-joints and roll like a ball. This would last from three to five minutes, when I would straighten myself as straight and stiff as a board. This would last sometimes fifteen minutes, and other times two hours. During this time I knew nothing, nor moved not so much as a finger. My jaws and eyes were set. In order that you may know something or understand more plainly my condition during these spells, I will speak of one incident. One day, while in the barn loft, I was taken with one of these spells, during which time one of my ears was considerably eaten by something I supposed to be a mouse, but was unconscious of it until after I came to my right mind. About the time Dr. D. commenced treating me I was confined to my bed, and had been for two weeks or more. I had got so bad that these fits or

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In October, 1879, while taking care of my horse, I was severely hurt. The horse pressed me against the side of the stall and bruised my breast so badly that I could not get relief from the many different liniments and remedies that I had tried, which I knew would be good from my own experience, when I had suffered pain previous to this time; but, after a thorough trial of the many different remedies, I took the treatment from Dr. D., and in less than five minutes was relieved of all pain and soreness, and, to my great surprise, it did not return.

JOE GREEN, Beatrice, Gage Co., Neb.

POISONED.

This is to certify that our little boy, Willie, was poisoned with a poison-vine so that he was swollen from his head to his feet, so that apparently the skin would burst. As Dr. Degroodt had doctored in our family before, we took our boy to him this time, and, to our surprise, after one treatment—simply by laying on of his hands, without the use of anything more—the swelling all went down and left our boy in a good healthy condition.

MR. AND MRS. CHARLES GORDON.
Beatrice, Gage Co., Neb., August 14, 1882.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I suffered from kidney and liver disease, and tried physicians and medicines, but all with no good result. ¹⁰
Hearing of Dr. Degroodt's great success, ¹⁵
I went to see him at his office. After examining me he said he would cure me. I gave him a trial, and have

never regretted it, as I was cured sound and well in three weeks after the first treatment by Dr. Degroodt. I also believe him to be a perfect gentleman and a man of his word.

Yours with respect,

J. Doyl

Clarinda, Page Co., Iowa, April 6, 1881.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

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REV. R. NEWTON.

Beatie, Marshall Co., Kansas, Oct. 12, 1880.

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Yours truly,

WILLIAM STRINING.

Guitard Station, Marshall Co., Kan., March 4, 1880

I wish to inform the public what Dr. Degroodt did for me. I was taken with very sore eyes, so that I could not stand the light at all, and I can truthfully say that Dr. D. cured me entirely in three treatments. I have not had the sore eyes since, and it has been over two years since the time above mentioned. I also had a very sick child, taken with whooping cough and lung fever, for which I had as good medical treatment as I could employ in the town of Clarinda, and I could not observe any change in the child, except he grew worse all the time, till I feared I should lose my child. Hearing Dr. D. spoken of as a good healing physician, I sent for him, and when he looked at my little boy, and said he would get him up from that sick bed in a short time, I feared it was too late, and could not be done; but now I am glad to say that the Doctor made his word good by curing my child in about six treatments.

HENRY LONG.

Clarinda, Pogo Co., Iowa, Nov. 23, 1882.

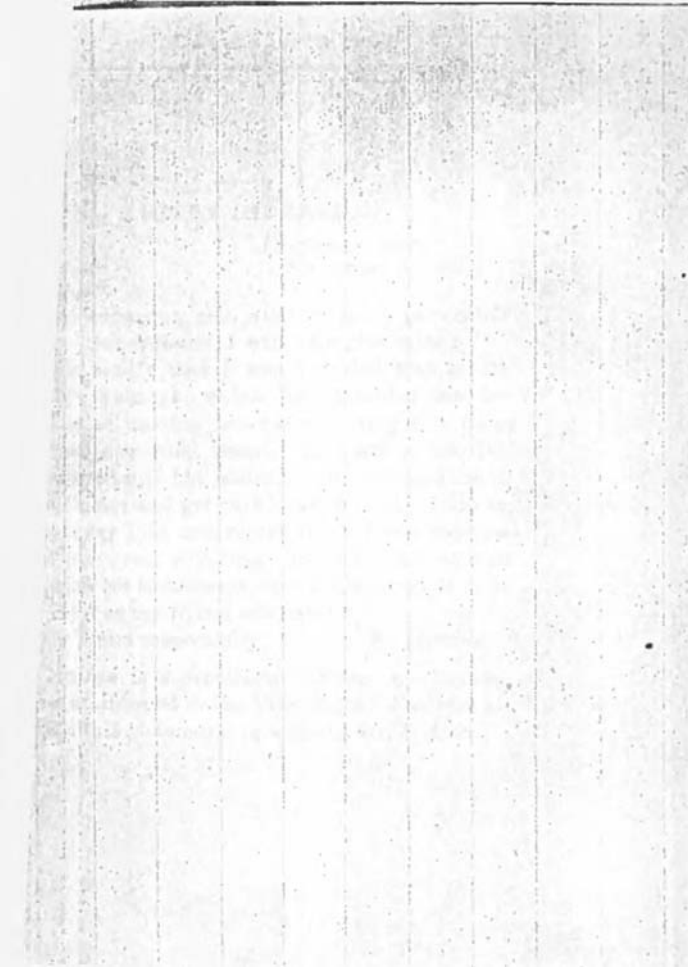
10 This is to certify that I employed Dr. Degroodt to
15 doctor me for liver and kidney complaint, for which
I tried, with no good success, medical treatment.
After being examined by Dr. D., I was told by him
that my case was not an incurable one, and if I
would have a little patience with him, and not get
discouraged at the outward appearance of his treat-
ment, he would soon restore me to health once more.
I commenced taking treatments of him, and in about
three weeks from the first treatment, I was made
whole. Yours in truth,

ELMER MILLER.

Clarinda, Iowa, July 11, 1882.

A POISONOUS STING.

18 I most willingly testify to what Dr. Degroodt did
for me. I was stung on the face by something I sup-
posed to be a bee. My face swelled until my eyes
were nearly closed. I suffered very severe pain in
my face and eyes. I tried physicians and medicines,
but was not benefitted by either. This lasted for
about three years. Sometimes the swelling would
almost all leave my face, and then return with a
severe pain. I do not think any one can realize what
I suffered by this poisonous sting. I think the Doc-
tor gave me about two weeks' treatment and cured
me of something I had been trying so hard to get rid
of for three years. My advice to you is, if you are a



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12. Bloody Flux 24.
1 Catarrh 1, 2, 15, 23.
4 Consumption 13.
8 Diphtheria 20.
11 Fever 23.
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7 Protrusion 18, 28.
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Mrs. C. CASON.

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CLARINDA, IOWA, }
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