Reviews

Reviews of books for this section are welcomed from osteopathic physicians and from faculty members in osteopathic medical institutions. Interested individuals will be sent information on format on request. A certain number of reviews are invited for books supplied to JAOA *by publishers; persons wishing to be part of this program should write to the editors, giving background and areas of interest.*

From Early Osteopathy in the Words of A.T. Still

Edited by R.V. Schnucker. Pp 382, with illus. Thomas Jefferson University Press, LB 115 NMSU, 63501, 1991, $80.

This fascinating and unusual book was published just as our profession was about to celebrate its 100th anniversary. Several years ago, when I was a good deal younger, a student came to me and asked, "Tell me, Dr Northup, what was Dr Still like?" This question has intrigued me ever since that time.

This collection of Dr Still's thoughts and writings tells me more about the man himself than some latter-day biographies, regardless of how objective they might be. He was a brilliant medical observer who was intensely dissatisfied with the status of medical practice of his time. Dr Still's writings are a testament to his original thinking and his opposition to many of the current forms of treatment of his day.

From Early Osteopathy in the Words of A.T. Still is the type of book from which one can gain much insight and enjoyment, just by browsing through its pages. I highly recommend it for leisure reading; although measuring 11 inches × 9 inches, this book is scarcely one to be read in bed!

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Osteopathy—Research and Practice

By A.T. Still. Pp 293. Eastland Press, PO Box 12689, Seattle, WA 98111, 1992, $34.95.

A resurgence of interest in Andrew Taylor Still's writings occurred during our centennial year, 1992. In the latter part of 1991, a new biography of "The Old Doctor" appeared—the first in more than 50 years. Three additional volumes followed: one dealing with the life and times of the Still family; A.T. Still's writings from *the Journal of Osteopathy*; and the history of the first school of osteopathic medicine. All of these fine books were published by the Thomas Jefferson University Press in Kirksville, Mo.

In 1992, Eastland Press made available this reprinting of *Osteopathy—Research and Practice*, originally published by the author himself in 1910. This modestly priced

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