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Whether or not it is the inspiration caused by the vast expanse of their country, it is nevertheless true that there is a spirit of broadness of mind in the West, not so much in evidence in the East. This appears to be particularly so in the case of medicine and education. In a recent interview with a reporter of the "Omaha Bee," Governor Dietrich, of Nebraska, said:

"One thing I will say for the benefit of the medical fraternity, and that is that I have decided to put one of the two hospitals for the incurable insane at Lincoln and Norfolk, under the direction of the regular school of medicine, and the other under that of the Homeopathic school. All that I insist on is that the best representatives of each be subject to my choice for appointments as superint endents, so that we can have a fair test of the results of the two methods of treatment, and that the competition will give the inmates the best possible care and attention."

And apropos of this the "Critique" of Denver remarks:

"Now, we sincerely hope that this plan will be carried out by Governor Dietrich. Just such opportunities as this have always been sought by the Homceopathic school, and have been just as carnestly opposed by the Allopathic school. To compare the results of treatment on a larger number of patients, under similar conditions, is the fairest way to determine the relative merits of the two systems, yet our old school friends have always been afraid to meet us in competitive tests on anything like equal terms.

"In order that the people may be able to judge of these things intelligently, the executives of all the states should follow the example of Gövernor Dietrich. The Homeopathic school will not shrink from any reasonable test that may be put upon it and will stand or fall by the result."

Furthermore, we may add an expression of the hope, that the light of the Homeopathic treatment at Lincoln or Norfolk, whichever it may be, shall not be hid under a bushel, as it is at Cook County Hospital, Chicago. The publication of the comparative statistics of the cases treated at this great institution has been suppressed, because "statistics are after all very misleading you know," We notice that statistics which invariably indicate the superiority of the Homeopathic practice are never considered satisfactory by some people. What better method there is of judging of the relative merits of two given courses of treatment. a record of the number that get well and of those who die, our friends of the old school do not tell. They simply have no confidence in statistics, when they are against them.