

and placid. Presently, however, ripples chase each other over this surface. Next, wave succeeds to wavelet; and in a few brief hours, the tempest-lashed waters rise tumultuously, and roll onwards with towering majesty and impetuous might. The storm, after a time, abates in the place which first felt its fury, and the surface of the water becomes, once more, calm, and apparently motionless; but, far, far away from this spot, the sea still rolls in immense swells, which, in their turn subsiding, all trace of the storm becomes obliterated. So the homœopathic excitement, which first took its rise in Germany, and spread in different directions from thence, is first declining in Germany; and, although the agitation is still considerable in England and America, from the nature of things a subsidence, ere long, must be expected in those countries also, and homœopathy will then find its place in the history of past medical delusions.

The homœopathic hospital at Leipsic, with its apparently flattering statistics, was long the boast of the Hahnemannist. "At the time of my first visit to Leipsic," observes Mr. Lee, author of "Bradshaw's Guide to the Continent," "I was anxious to see the Homœopathic Hospital, of which I had previously heard. I expected to have found at least forty or fifty beds filled with patients; but was rather surprised to find that the building (which is a small house in the suburbs) only contained eight, and even of these, all but two or three were unoccupied. At my last visit to Leipsic, I understood that matters were going on badly with homœopathy, which indeed is now comparatively little heard of in Germany and France." In the celebrated hospital at Vienna, the acknowledged principal homœopathic school on the continent, Dr. Fleming of Dundee observed but five students in attendance; whilst at Dr. Fleischmann's establishment at Gumpendorf, in the suburbs of Vienna, one solitary individual perambulated the wards with the doctor, as a student—the sole repository of the sage remarks of this once enthusiastic supporter of globulism. Truly, Ichabod is written on their walls!

"In a letter from Dr. Gerson," says Dr. Simpson, "it is stated, 'During the last six or eight years, neither the medical profession nor the public of Germany have paid any degree of attention to homœopathy, for it is now everywhere looked upon as possessing no theoretical or practical value. . . . In Leipsic, where the English and other admirers of Hahnemann have lately erected a statue to him, and which was once the chief seat, if not the birth place of homœopathy, out of 120 medical men, there are now only six or seven homœopathists, and only two or three of this number can be said to be engaged in practice, and to a limited extent. The Homœopathic Hospital, which existed formerly in Leipsic, has become defunct. In Hamburg, out of 183 medical men, there is now only one homœopathist.'" Dr. Oscar Prieger, of Krauz-