

unadvisedly ; we could detail some curious histories of this description, which have come under our own immediate knowledge in the largest metropolis in the world, as well as in this city of ours. We may, perhaps, on a future occasion, be tempted to lay some of these curious and instructive cases before our readers. Such, then, being the case, we ask what was the object in intrusting to the care of an individual, who has not yet quite made up his own mind as to what he practises, cases in an Hospital, the governors of, and subscribers to which, certainly entertained the opinion, (however erroneous it may be regarded by the advocates of Hahneman) that their contributions were to be consecrated to the treatment of diseases, according to generally recognized principles ? Were the Governors consulted as to the propriety of adding to the Medical Staff of their Institution ? or were they invited to behold the miracles to be wrought, or the fallacies to be exposed ? We regret that such a step has been taken by the present Staff of the Hospital, presuming, as we do, that they must have sanctioned it in a body ; and, setting aside all private considerations, we regret it the more, because such a step must necessarily bring down a certain amount of discredit upon one of the most valuable Institutions in the country ; and, what is of even greater consequence to our profession, a suspicion of the confidence entertained by the Medical Officers themselves in their own principles of treating disease. In conclusion, we declare our full belief, with all educated practitioners of our art, that many Medical men, instead of acting as the handmaids of Nature, and pursuing a legitimate expectant system, too often, by their desire to do too much, or to perform professional miracles, do mislead Nature entirely, and get themselves into a perplexity ; and, at the same time, we protest with all our power against the preposterous absurdities vomited forth by Hahneman and his followers,—and of these, none more absurd than that all diseases of a chronic kind depend upon the presence in the system of the poisons of “itch or syphilis.” We wonder what the female clients of Hahneman would say to an *allopathist*, were he to declare this axiom to them. Verily, he would be scouted as one of the most brutal monsters in the world ; and yet “*La Doctrine Homœopathique*,” without distinction or qualification, pronounces this judgment against them.

We may be accused of prejudice, of narrow-mindedness, perchance