

from the great Boerhaave, whose favorite motto was "*Simplex sigillum veri.*" And this is the legend that is graven on his monument in the St. Peter's church at Leyden by her grateful citizens—a fact which has put in the mouths of thousands the admirable sentiment, "simplicity is the seal of truth," hundreds of whom have probably dwelt but lightly on their debt to the great professional talents of him whose life was squared to that rule. Simplicity is the trait of the master, while the lack of it seems entirely natural to the novice. As it is the single flower that produces the seed, while the double one beside it perishes with its beauty, so there is that singleness of purpose and simplicity of method that bear the fruit of life-saving discoveries, such as the genius of Boerhaave gave to his generation, and such as Koch's labors promise to yield in surpassing measure.—*Jour. Amer. Med. Association.*

HOMŒOPATHY.—The New York *Graphic* having recently gone out of its artistic way to inform its readers that "quite one-half of the medical practice of the world is governed by the philosophic discoveries of Hahnemann," the *N. Y. Medical Record* sets forth the facts as follows :—"In the United States there were, in 1885, twelve homœopathic and eighty-eight regular medical colleges, with 1,088 and 9,441 students respectively. At the most liberal estimate the homœopathic practitioners of this country form one-eighth of the total number. There is no homœopathic medical college in the country which can be said to be even fairly well equipped and endowed, as compared, for example, with the leading regular medical colleges of New York, Boston and Philadelphia. The only school which really flourishes is in Chicago. The statement that 'homœopathy is a recognized branch in most of the great medical schools of Europe' is absolutely untrue. Homœopathy has no place whatever in any of the universities of Germany or France, nor has it a school of its own anywhere in Germany. There is a small homœopathic hospital of one hundred beds in London, with a small medical school attached. There are said to be only about 275 homœopathic physicians in Great Britain and Ireland. The number on the Continent is proportionably even less." Accord-