the translations were a perversion of the original, or the quotations have been culled to suit the purpose of the alternater. In fact we feel warranted in asserting that the passages referred to have mostly been garbled so as to suit the purpose to which they have been put, whether by the translator, or by the blind follower of an incompetent interpreter of the works of Hahnemann. A. KORNDOERFER, M.D.

TOLLE CAUSAM.

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The December number of *The American Journal of Homœopathic Materia Medica and Record of Medical Science* contains an article on its first page entitled "*The Pathological Movement in Connection with Homœopathy.*"

The author of this paper writes, as he is in the habit of doing, a paper apparently fair and full of wisdom; but on closer examination a paper so void of logic and even of common sense that it becomes an eyesore to the discriminating reader. The premises of the paper, which are bad enough, read as follows:—"*Homœopathic physicians of much experience, must have observed that a certain disease was very promptly cured by a remedy at one time, but not at another, although the same symptoms were present.*" Any one who *is* and not simply *pretends* to be a homœopathician does or ought to know that we do not treat a certain disease. The sleepy old fogies among the allopathists do so; but the progressive men of the allopathic school, represented by Dr. Tanner, no longer *generalize*,—they *individualize*, and treat the symptoms of the patient, just as we profess to do. If the same symptoms are present, the same remedy will cure, to be sure; but if, for want of ability to individualize and observe, and with a desire to generalize certain glaring symptoms, a man of *much* experience is induced to base his treatment on the pathological (or nosological) condition of the sick, we must be allowed to charge him with not observing the teachings of the Organon, especially that of paragraph sixth and its foot note. We are not astonished to find on the same page of the article referred to the following sentence:—"*Even as homœopathic physicians, the 'Tolle causam' has to be still our motto.*" Homœopathicians have nothing to do with the *prima causa morbi*, never could have, and never will have anything to do with it. The

causa occasionalis comes in consideration under Hygiène, of which Hahnemann makes mention in paragraph seventh of his Organon, and to which we may make a few additions—for instance the movement cure, and, for the expansion of the chest, not only horseback riding, but also dumb bells, rowing, blowing of wind instruments, etc.; and as homœopathists we do not follow blindly our "own Dr. Rush," as our author has it, but think for ourselves and individualize. Every experienced, because observing, physician knows full well that the *hereditary disposition* to a certain disease, say Tuberculosis, cannot always be overcome by the administration of medicines only, that there are cases in which exercise on horseback, or rowing, or the blowing of wind instruments, or cod liver oil, or change of air—either a cold or warm climate—will cause an expansion of the chest or strengthen the lungs to be able to better resist the threatening disease;—but we must *individualize*. The effort of the author to prove his motto—tolle causam—correct, is absurd; such testimony as he offers is not admissable. He does not give a logical argument, but indulges in hearsay testimony, and quotes as authorities persons who have always rejected Hahnemann's teachings but for the sake of their own convenience or interest have held on to the name. Believing as we do in the teachings of Hahnemann and knowing as we do that homœopathy neither seeks nor requires a pathological movement in connection with it, we would in our ignorance humbly ask to be informed what the prima causa of hooping cough is? Furthermore, we have only to remind the learned author of this paper of one of our fundamental principles! Medicines when taken by healthy persons (provers) cause certain changes in their sensations and conditions *similar* to such symptoms as are caused by disease. Medicines and diseases cause similar and not the same symptoms. The effects of medicines exhaust themselves, those of disease do not.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED.

A System of Surgery.—By Wm. Tod Helmuth, M.D., Professor of Surgery in the New York Homœopathic Medical College. Illustrated, with 571 Engravings on Wood. *New York:* Carle & Grener. 1873, pp. 1228.

The advent of this important work—announced some time ago,—together with the completion of Franklin's Surgery, mark an era in the history of Homœopathy in America. It had been oracularly declared that "homœopaths are no surgeons," and repeated so