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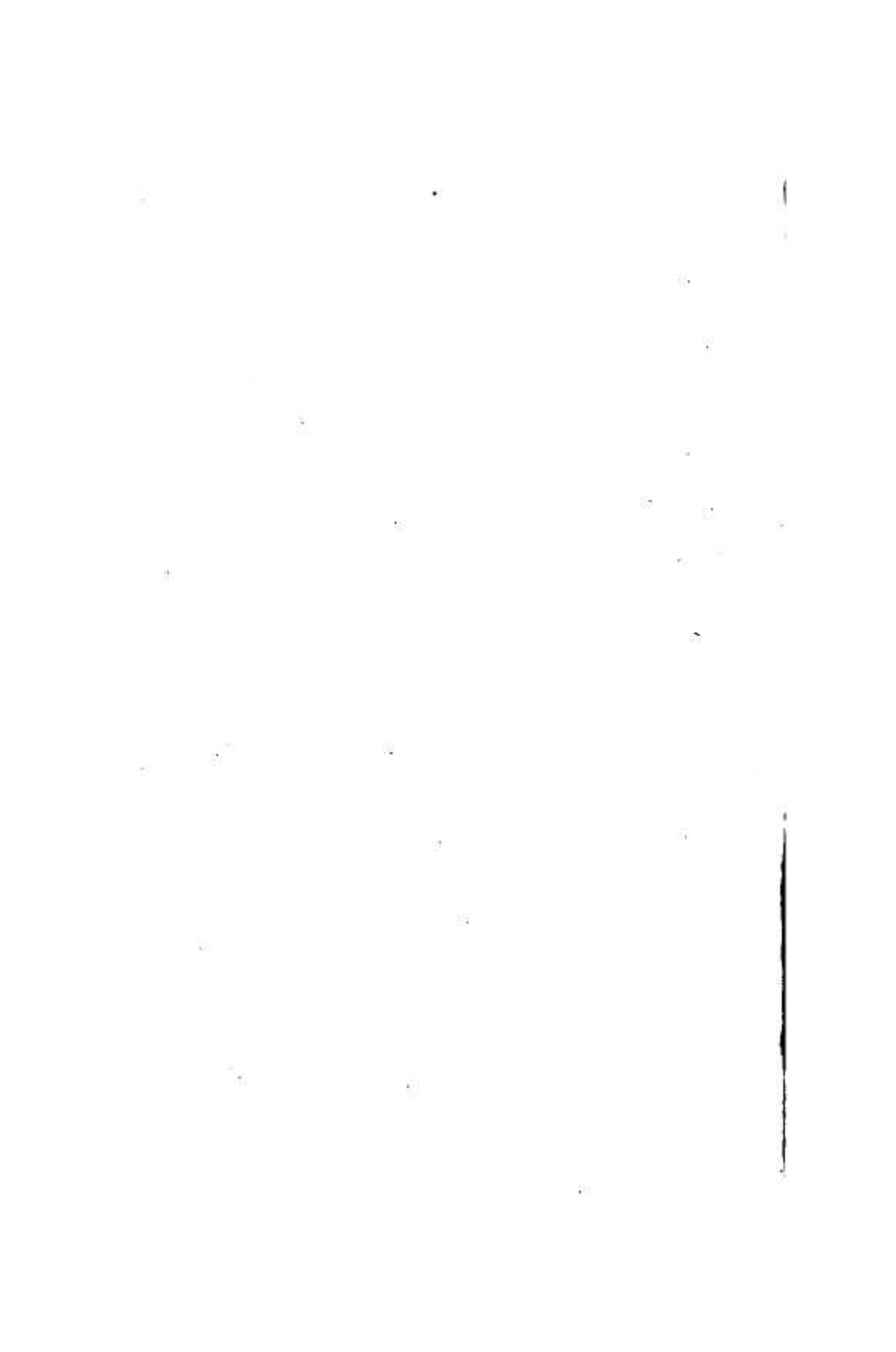
" I seek after Truth, by which no man ever yet was injured."—M. ANTONINUS.

\* " Veritas, a quocunque dicitur, a Deo est."—

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*"It is the genuine Hahnemannian spirit, totally to disregard all theories, even those of our own fabrication, when they are in opposition to the results of pure experience. All theories and hypotheses have no positive weight whatever, only so far as they lead to new experiments, and afford a better survey of the results of those already made."—C. HERING.*

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## INTRODUCTORY.

HAVING been connected with the practice of Medicine for the past quarter of a century, it is due to the profession of Medicine, to the public and to myself, that I should give my reasons for making so remarkable a change in my views of the principles and practice of my profession as to change from Allopathy to Homœopathy.

During my career as a physician I have always taken a decided stand against homœopathy and its practitioners, believing, as I did most sincerely, that Hahnemann and his followers were not only deceived, but in turn they were deceivers. The whole system seemed to me, in my then profound ignorance of the subject, so preposterous, and so far beyond the bounds

of human credibility and reason, as that no ordinary thoughtsman could be blamed if he refused to give it even a hearing, far less to take the system into his serious consideration. I was one of the physicians in this town who took an active part in persecuting or attempting to put down homœopathy. Like the great apostle to the gentiles, who, before his conversion to Christianity, persecuted the Church and kicked against the pricks, I have persecuted the truth in another form, and I now, with bent knees, exclaim, *peccavi*, and trust to be forgiven.

A few years ago I was spending the evening with some clerical friends, when one of them asked me my opinion about homœopathy and its supporters. I candidly confessed to him that they had done a world of good to those in the profession, and their name is legion, who abuse medicine; and in that light homœopaths might be regarded as a fulfilment of the text, altered to suit the occasion, that God hath chosen the foolish ones to confound the wise, and the weak to confound the mighty. As might be expected, this expression of my opinion was received with great laughter. The laugh is turned upon myself, however, as I am now one of the foolish and weak ones chosen by God for carrying out His wise designs. Foolish or wise, weak or strong, I trust that He will not find me wanting. So great was my abhorrence of homœopathy,