

is that the number of corpuscles, the amount of hæmo-globin, and the specific gravity of the blood are quite normal, and remain so for some time.

As chloro-oligæmia follows ordinary cases of chlorosis, it is of the utmost importance that these latter cases should be thoroughly treated and cured in order to prevent the severer form.

The Doctor's Economics.

IN a recent issue of the *Medical Record*, Dr. Leonard Weber, of the Post Graduate Medical School, has an article on the shrinkage of physicians' incomes.

The first question taken up is the abuse of dispensary and hospital charities. The author is of the opinion that there should only be the dispensaries to supply relief to the destitute poor. But in the larger cities there are many more than the needed number. But the correction of this would be only a very partial remedy for the loss of income by medical men throughout the cities and indeed throughout the entire country.

The next topic taken up is the over-production of medical men. He holds that the increase in the number of doctors has been greater than the increase in population; and that there are now far more practitioners than the public require. This of course must cheapen the value of the services of these, and also lessen the amount of work for such. This brings about a twofold cause of loss. There should be some steps taken to limit the number of medical colleges. There certainly should not be more than one to every million of the population. No new colleges should be granted a charter; and all in existence should be compelled to take out a Government license of high standard. This would call for prior legislation.

Then again all those who study medicine with a view of making a living must bear several things in their mind. First, he must be sure he has the ability, and then he must decide whether he can afford to wait until a practice comes to him. This may be a number of years after the day of graduation. The attempt to live on one's parchment will not be a very happy condition. We know of capable practitioners who have been at work for several years and confess to the fact that they are barely making a living.

The advances in special work has done away with much of the doctor's income. Women are confined by specialists. They go to