

common. It may arise from some condition injuring the general health, from improper food, from bad hygienic conditions. No matter from what cause, if the blood is insufficient in amount, or comes to any portion of the nervous system in insufficient supply, the nerve matter is not nourished, and it fails to do its work.

3. Active poisoning of the nervous matter. This may be from poisons formed within the body. These injurious waste products are circulating through the system in the blood, and affecting deleteriously the nerve elements. Or, in the second place, the nerve system may be poisoned from injurious articles taken into the system.

A HOMILY ON DOCTOR'S FEES.—Dr. W. Symington Brown, in *American Practitioner and News*, May 4th, contends that the medical profession should hold no secrets, and in this respect claims the difference lies between it and a trade. The man who follows a trade may have trade secrets; but the doctor who makes a discovery publishes for the benefit of others. Traders do not follow this rule. With regard to fees the writer says the doctor must make enough to live. In the United States there is at least one physician to every six hundred persons. It may be safely stated that the average income does not exceed \$1,500 a year. Out of this must come expenses, the cost of living and keeping a family, and laying by a little for a rainy day. The prospect is far from a brilliant one. The medical army increases in a greater ratio than the population. Then comes the abuse of charity. The public is treated gratuitously, the patients are pauperized, and the doctor robbed of an honest living. But the professors in medical schools want cases to illustrate their lectures, and so the cases are sought after free. Another great abuse that has grown up and become a general custom is to attend clergymen and their families gratis. No good reason can be advanced for this usage. In many instances clergymen give certificates approving of quacks and quack medicines. In the usual progress towards poverty among a large number of the population the fees will come down. With the large number of doctors in the United States some remedy will have to be found to improve the condition of the profession. One way is fewer medical men. Another way is fewer medical schools.

SUNSTROKE.—Dr. R. C. M. Page, of New York, in *New York Polyclinic*, May 15th, defines sunstroke as "a disease of the nervous system caused by exposure to excessive heat under certain predisposing conditions." After dealing with symptoms, etiology, pathology,