

the age was much the same. There were under 30 years of age, 9; between 30 and 40, 41; between 40 and 50, 59; between 50 and 60, 81; between 60 and 70, 62; between 70 and 80, 13; above 80, 3. In women the age incidence is, on the whole, a little lower than in men.

An interesting point in my series relates to the race incidence. Of 268 cases 37 were in Jews. Nowhere in the world are members of this gifted race seen to greater advantage than in the United States, where the opportunities of a rapidly growing country give scope to their exceptional genius for business. Living an intense life, absorbed in his work, devoted to his pleasures, passionately devoted to his home, the nervous energy of the Jew is taxed to the uttermost, and his system subjected to that stress and strain which seems a basic factor of so many cases of angina pectoris. It is only fair to state that this high percentage scarcely represents a true state of affairs, since certain circumstances gave me an exceptional *clientele* among the Hebrews.

*Angina in doctors.*—A point that stands out prominently in my experience is the frequency of the disease in our profession. For the same reason doubtless that Sydenham gives for the incidence of gout "more wise men than fools are afflicted," angina may almost be called "*morbis medicorum*." 33 of my cases were in physicians, a larger number than all the other professions put together. Curtin<sup>1</sup> in his study of 60 fatal cases notes that a fourth were in physicians. This large percentage in my list may in part be attributed to the circumstance of the publication of lectures on the subject in 1897. But the frequency with which doctors die from the disease has become the subject of common remark. From John Hunter onwards a long list of most distinguished men have been its victims. Not to mention the older physicians, among our contemporaries was Nothnagel, himself one of the ablest students of the disease, whose last act in life was to describe his own fatal attack. A tragic interest relates to this incident in the career of the great Vienna clinician. I do not know that the note has ever been transcribed in English; it reads as follows: "Anginal attacks with very severe pains. Pulse in the attack very variable, at one time slow, 56 to 60, quite regular, high tension, and then again rapid, 80 to 90, tolerably even and regular; then again quite unrhythmic, unequal at one time, rapid another, slow with changed tension. The first sensation of this attack dates three or four years back, at first slight, gradually becoming more pronounced. Very severe attacks with great pain have only come on within the last five or six days. Written on July 6th late in the evening, after three very severe attacks." Within a few

<sup>1</sup> Transactions of the American Climatological Society, vol. xxiii.