

from without, the potency of which is variable in different persons, astounding in some, severe in others, less in many.

270. There are cases to all appearance of the same degree of severity as described in Sec. 268, and which recover in the same way, but in which debility is more marked, gradually increases day by day until in three, four, or five days the patient sinks without a struggle.

271. Similar cases, which have in addition a slight cyanosis, do not recover so rapidly and completely as 268; but advance slowly in warmth and in convalescence to ultimate perfect recovery. Cyanosis indicates a profound impression made by the poison. These patients require repose, good nursing, a judicious use of cordials, light bitter infusions and careful doses of nourishment. Many of these cases after struggling along for a few days, giving hope, have to yield to a failing economy that has suffered more than it can resist.

272. Severe cases, accompanied with a degree of cyanosis greater than in 271, occasionally weather the choleraic storm, followed by a strong effort of the constitution to convalesce. The pulse is feeble, the temperature slowly returns, the stasis in the skin diminishes in color from leaden to light purple, and in a few days to that of a weak scarlatina. The