

Dalla tesi di di Nicola Barsotti del C.I.O. di Bologna.

"Il campo che inaridisce" - William G. Sutherland, D.O.

"...il liquido cefalorachidiano è il più importante elemento che è contenuto nel corpo umano e, se il cervello non fornisce questo liquido in abbondanza, una condizione di malessere del corpo permarrà.

Chi può ragionare vedrà che questo grande fiume della vita deve essere drenato e il campo che inaridisce deve essere irrigato immediatamente, o il raccolto della salute sarà per sempre perduto".

"THE WITHERING FIELD"

William G. Sutherland, D. O.

"... the cerebro spinal fluid is the highest known element that is contained in the human body, and unless the brain furnishes this fluid in abundance a disabled condition of the body will remain. He who is able to reason will see that this great river of life must be tapped and the withering field irrigated at once, or the harvest of health be forever lost."

Andrew Taylor Still.

"The Withering Field" appears to be a progressive topic for our consideration in the vast vista of the science of osteopathy. A withering field indicates lack of irrigation, but it may prove profitable to interpret Doctor Still's "withering field" by a deeper significance: lacking nerve juice, rather than water. Is it not possible for nerves to transmit "electrical juice" from a cerebrospinal fluid battery? The electrician speaks of "juice" as the electrical force along the wire. Doctor Still speaks of "nerve force," which may be interpreted as electrical "juice" transmitted through nerve to terminal. Doctor Still mentions the "finer nerves that dwell with the lymphatics, finer even than those of the eye; and that they consume more of the finer fluids of the brain than the whole viscera." Then he adds: "All drink from the waters of the brain."

As we dig into the magnitude of the science of osteopathy, wherein our little cranial idea has inspired excavation, the cerebrospinal fluid becomes of primary importance and our foremost research problem. This channel hath much to offer. It recalls to mind the inter-
polation by the later Doctor C. B. Rowlingson, Editor of The Western Osteopath, appearing in "The Cranial Bowl."