

WHAT THE HIGHER REQUIREMENTS FOR THE STUDY OF PHARMACY MEANS.

The establishment of institutions for the purpose of giving pharmaceutical and medical training is very recent. It was but two or three decades ago that the only qualifications necessary for the entrance upon the study of either profession was the ability to read and write. With the acquiring of this knowledge the path of the student of medicine and the student of pharmacy diverged, the former led to some medical practitioner's office, the latter to an apothecary shop. Here each in his place learned many things of his preceptor. Some knowledge was acquired by the "picking up" method, and still more by actual contact with life. The product was the doctor and druggist of a generation ago. Only recently, then, have private individuals and private and public institutions given vast sums of money for the establishment of schools which have as their primary purpose the scientific training of young men for the respective professions. With the development of such institutions has come an increased demand for higher academic attainments for those who desire to pursue professional studies. The progress in medicine in this direction has been more rapid than in pharmacy. Perhaps this is due in part to the dual character (professional and commercial) of the pharmacist's work. On the other hand, it should be borne in mind that no profession is free from commercialism. The pharmacist, while he is forced to have superior knowledge over what men have in most commercial lines, still must have goods to sell. The time has passed when he can obtain the "superior" knowledge without some form of systematic training in the fundamental branches upon which professional pharmacy is built. Furthermore the rapid advances made in the medical sciences make it all the more important that the training in the pharmaceutical sciences be made more elaborate. This demand for a higher type of professional training has of course made it necessary to increase the amount of preparatory training in order that students may have the proper training and development to prepare them for professional study.

The American Conference of Pharmaceutical Faculties is a national organization of the leading pharmaceutical schools of America, which has as its object the raising of the academic requirements for the study of pharmacy and the improvement of professional training. A few years ago this conference set as a minimal standard for membership one year of high school training and two years of professional, with certain qualifications added. Last year the amount of high school training was increased by one year and the outlook is that it will soon be increased to four years, as it is in the University of Nebraska at the present time. A movement is also on foot to in the very near future drop all two year courses in pharmacy and lengthen the period of professional training to three and four years. The next few years will see great advances in pharmaceutical education. Increased academic requirements must necessarily bring to the profession better trained and more mature men and eliminate the poorly prepared men from a profession when the greatest integrity is necessary—and in which only men with the highest of ideals should engage. Perhaps it is not commonly known that more laws have been enacted for making the handling of food and drugs safe and free from fraud than for any other one purpose. When one realizes this we can see how essential it is that we demand certain qualifications of men who are to enter the profession.

ALUMNI NEWS ITEMS

1910

Miss Elsie Day, assistant professor of pharmacognosy in the College of Medicine.
Edwin A. Fricke, in drug business with his brother in Plattsmouth, Nebr.
Jay G. Rinker is the manager of a drug store in Lindsay, Colo.

1911

Miss Florence Thorpe, manager of a drug store at College View, Nebr.
Carl Rogosch, a prescription clerk in Kansas City, Mo.
L. G. Taylor, a clerk in the Meier drug store, Lincoln, Nebr.
F. W. Schwake is a junior partner in Schwake & Son drug store, Nebraska City, Nebr.
J. H. Newman, the proprietor of the Lewiston Pharmacy, Lewiston, Minn.
H. C. Harden is a chemist in a beet sugar factory and clerk in a Scotts Bluff drug store.
H. G. Beckard is the manager of a drug store in Waco, Nebr.
N. H. Whaley has been managing Herbert Locke's drug store at Archer, Nebr.

H. M. Prouty is part owner of the Smith-Dorsey company, Lincoln, Nebr.

1912

Edo H. Anderson, until recently, has been working in the Riker drug store, New York City.
Ray Bauer, proprietor of the Sun drug store, Lincoln, Nebr.
Elwood B. Chapelle, a student in the Nebraska Law College.
S. T. Crouse is in partnership with his brother in a drug store at Osceola, Nebr.
Frank Huntsman of Hebron, Nebr., has been clerk in a Chicago drug store.

Earl F. Walker, scholar in chemistry, University of Nebraska.

Joe Solberg is manager of a drug store at St. Marie, Idaho.

Liburn Lake is at the College of Medicine, Omaha.

Harry L. Thompson is instructor of assay and pharmaceutical chemistry.

J. U. Malick is manager of his father's store in Bloomington, Nebr.

1913

Miss Nell Ward is clerking at the Kostka drug store, Lincoln.

Miss Olive Mildred Young, has been working at Rigg's drug store, Lincoln, Nebr.

Claude William Mitchell, Ph. D., instructor in physiology in the Medical College, Omaha, Nebr.

Garland Lewis, assistant instructor in chemistry.

Harry Anderson has been clerking in Clarks, Nebr., but now will be clerking at Sioux City, Iowa.

Paul M. Rogers is with the Union Drug company, Brownsville, Penn.

Glenn S. Hoag is clerking in a drug store at Shickley, Nebr.

Walter Stowe is the prescription clerk at Hargreaves drug store.

Edwin Corbin has been clerking in a drug store at Pawnee City, Nebr.

Mark Bly is proprietor of a store at Hampton, Nebr.

Fred G. Larson is prescription clerk for the Overland Drug company, Lusk, Wyo.

Lewis R. Eby is a prescription clerk at the Spork pharmacy, Hartington, Nebr.

Lloys Thompson is at Overton, Nebr.

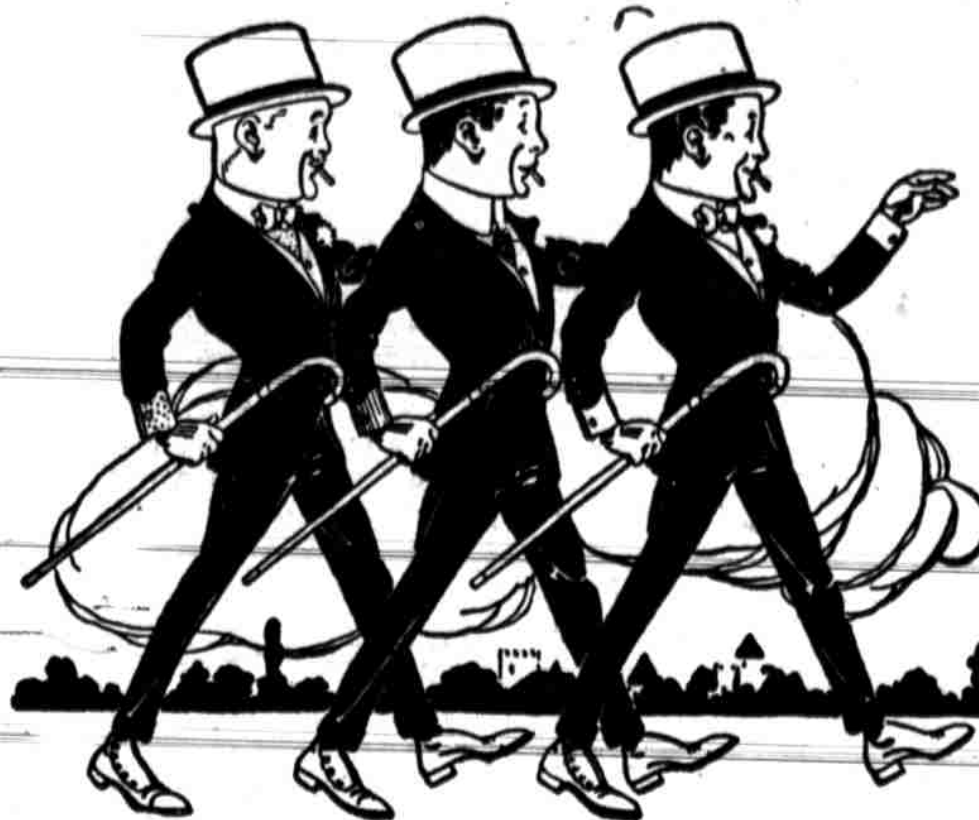
Wm. Wallace is a prescription clerk at the Merchants drug store, Omaha, Nebr.

Oscar R. Cone is clerking at Hansen's drug store, Lincoln, Nebr.

PHARMACY CONVOCATION.

The pharmacy convocation has a very important place on the program this week. It will be the one means by which the other students on the campus will find out what we are and what we stand for. The program, which will be carried out to the letter, contains some very good numbers.

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Dean Teeters of the College of Pharmacy of Iowa State has been secured as the main speaker. He is one of the most progressive educators in the pharmaceutical world. He also is one of the most prominent men in the American Pharmaceutical Association, and has been twice secretary of the section of education and legislation. At present he is secretary and treasurer

of the executive committee of the American Conference of Pharmacy Faculties. His subject will deal with the Educational Aspect of Pharmacy.

Others who will appear on the program will be Chancellor Avery and Dr. Lyman. Dr. Lyman has been the director of the School of Pharmacy since it was founded, and no man could be found who would

take more interest in this department and also the students than he.

Cloyd Stewart of dramatic fame is known to everyone on the campus. He has been secured to give several readings. Then, too, there will be a few selections by a string quartet.

This convocation will be of general interest to the student body and to the people at large.

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