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### THE STATUS OF THE HOSPITAL PHARMACIST.\*

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The profession of pharmacy, like all other callings in life, needs individual effort of no mean strength to bring success and honor in the exercise of its duties. Modern progress is such, both in science and business methods, that industry, generally, is no longer content with a portion of the individual, and to keep up with the times it behooves one to exert all his powers in the performance of his obligations.

Connected so closely with the art and science of healing as the profession of pharmacy is, when it comes to a final analysis we have to admit, willingly enough, that we are part of the great and glorious army of men and women enlisted in the battle against disease which humanity has to contend against. This knowledge and spirit it is which makes every pharmacist in the retail drug business "more than a merchant," more than a mere trader in medicines and other goods. In the compounding of medicines, the pharmacist not only exercises his skill and brings all his science into the work, but, also his desire to be of service in the cause of suffering fellow creatures. In this way he gives more than mere mechanical business service. He feels that his work means the ease of pain, the cure of disease, the adding to the happiness and bodily welfare of his fellow man. Down in the bottom of the heart of any worthwhile pharmacist lies this blessed truth "that in the exercise of his art he knows that he is engaged in a work governed by the fellowship of love and service of mutual aid and sympathy."

A knowledge of conditions in the retail end of pharmacy teaches us that there is considerable pure trading to be done nowadays by the pharmacist if he wants to succeed in a financial way. Things have evolved that way it seems naturally and it is only common sense to meet the conditions in the best manner possible by a proper amount of commercial training in addition to that of a highly trained pharmacist.

But the hospital pharmacist, future standard-bearer of his profession, representative solely of American pharmacy in its purely professional sense, is not called upon to exercise an up-to-date training in the art of selling for profit and func-

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