

Those who have taught long enough to have seen two years of high-school preparation increased to four and the six months' college year to nine months and the prerequisite laws go into effect have no hesitancy in saying that the type of student is very much better now. Students themselves at those transition periods have said that they were not attracted to a profession that had to compete with the product of plugging schools.

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## CORRESPONDENCE

### THE STATUS OF THE HOSPITAL PHARMACIST.

BY EDWARD SWALLOW.

Mr. C. Dyna, in his interesting "reply"\* to an humble effort of mine last year, seems on the whole to agree with the statements I put forth. As my paper expressed the views of one who had many years of experience as a hospital pharmacist in New York City, maybe the statements made were not broad enough to embrace the situation generally all over the country. Several years ago, with the one idea of trying to gather into the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION as many hospital pharmacists as possible, we interested E. R. Squibb & Sons, who very generously had their traveling representatives calling upon American hospitals, to send the Association the names and addresses of as many hospital pharmacists as they could. In this way we collected, I believe, about 700 names and addresses. At that time there were about 75 per cent of women pharmacists engaged in this work. I must sadly re-echo Mr. Dyna's question, "Did anything materialize?" Somehow, only a comparatively few women and men engaged in hospital pharmacy have joined the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION. The Section for Hospital Pharmacists is pitifully small, considering the number of persons in this important work, a number that is ever increasing.

It certainly would be worth while to make another effort to reach all of this class of pharmacists. How is it to be done? The mere act of meeting together of well-meaning men and women and talking this matter over year after year is only waste of breath and valuable time. These persons need to know personally how much to their advantage generally it would be if they became members of either the local branches of the ASSOCIATION or clasped hands with their parent—the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION.

A great and glorious future is possible for the hospital pharmacists of America, but they never will reach it without organization within the ranks of the only ASSOCIATION representing pharmacy as a real profession. The men and women should be given an opportunity to learn all about this Hospital Section devoted to their interests and advancement generally. We have some of the finest men in the world as members of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, who know the value of advertising and publicity. Surely, a little difficulty like reaching every hospital pharmacist by mail can be overcome! The addresses of all hospitals can be obtained. Why cannot the ASSOCIATION get busy and write to the pharmacists engaged therein?

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### AN APPRECIATION.

It is with great sorrow that I have learned of the passing away of Ex-President L. C. Hopp.

We have lost a member who rendered loyal service to the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION, a leader in his profession and a pharmacist of the finest type. Our friendship was one of long year's standing.

I esteemed him for his ability, kindness and honesty. We shall miss his cheery countenance and warm handclasp at our meetings in the future.

JOHN G. GODDING.

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