

education is demanded, and in order to pass the State Board examination in most of the states it is practically necessary to be a college graduate.

The writer well remembers that not many years ago the youth in a law office would go to an evening law school, where no "regent's counts" were required, take the state board examination and was then admitted to the bar. And this was the manner in which a great many lawyers who are now judges obtained their education, while thousands of practicing lawyers never saw the inside of a law school of any kind.

We are unable to agree with the learned judge that pharmacists as a class are men of no great learning, and believe that his dictum does a great injustice to a class of men who are equally as well educated as those who practice law, though perhaps not so much given to the parading of their learning in public places.

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#### SIMPLER PHRASEOLOGY.

It is with rejoicing that one notes the tendency toward simpler language and phraseology in recent scientific literature. It is to be regretted that some of the texts and treatises on medical and surgical subjects show a less noticeable degree of improvement than do scientific periodicals and research publications. Probably there was a time when the use of cumbersome and sonorous phrases lent a sort of dignity to medical literature, particularly in the estimation of the general public. Recently, however, many writers are acting on the theory that no need exists for borrowing dignity from so doubtful a source, and that the simpler the language, the more accurately and readily it will convey the intended meaning. Some medical authors find occasions when "cause" expresses their meaning as well as "etiological factor," and when it is as easy to have the patient "lie down" as to make him "assume a recumbent posture." We welcome the time when any work which defines a fracture as "a traumatic or pathological solution of the continuity of osseous structure," or abounds in verbiage equally atrocious, will be preserved and read only as a curiosity.—*Journal A. M. A.*