

in a hospital should make a real effort to undertake this responsibility that cannot only prove to be very interesting and educational but also a means of adding some prestige to his position.

A pilular compound consisting of ability, professional responsibility, time and opportunity all rolled together, may prove to be the tonic necessary to treat the chronic condition of monotony often present in our hospital pharmacies to-day.

THE OUTLOOK FOR HOSPITAL PHARMACY.*

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For the past nine years I have been dividing my time between a hospital pharmacy and a retail drug store. The hospital with which I am connected has only ninety beds, which accounts for my not being employed full time.

My experiences during this nine-year period have impressed me daily with the differences between hospital pharmacy and that of the retail store. These differences are known to all of you and hence need not be named specifically.

It is my firm belief, however, that hospital pharmacy will play a large part in redeeming professional pharmacy. The literature for the past year shows that hospital authorities are thinking more about pharmacy now than they ever have in the past. They have always known that the administration of medicine is important. They are now beginning to realize that medicines should be carefully prepared by people who are properly trained in this field. They are attaching more and more significance to the fact that the pharmacy should be properly equipped and should be conducted by a properly trained pharmacist rather than by nurses and interns.

Recent articles in the *JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION* and the *American Journal of Pharmaceutical Education* show that our colleges of pharmacy are considering hospital pharmacy more seriously, and in some cases are making changes in their courses in order that their graduates may be better trained for hospital work.

The employment of pharmacists by hospitals which are large enough to justify this, will create professional positions for several thousand. This will add to the usefulness and efficiency of the hospital and will help establish pharmacy as a profession in the minds of the interns who go into the field each year for the practice of medicine.

I am glad this sub-section on hospital pharmacy has been formed. It should be highly useful by enabling hospital pharmacists to get together annually and discuss their problems. I hope that at the proper time the section will consider preparing a manual of approved methods of procedure in the manufacture of sterile solutions and other products which require skill and precision.

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