

and the number of available pharmacists never has been so small as it is at present—three very good reasons why more women should enter that field. Not only that, it is work for which women are admirably fitted. It does not require hard manual labor; it is clean, pleasant work, which any scientifically trained woman can do admirably and enjoy doing. Calls for registered pharmacists are constantly being received which cannot be filled because so many of the young men in that profession have entered some branch of our national service, and many more will be called to the colors this winter.

Our professional colleges feel the loss of the young men who have responded so promptly to their country's call, but their places are bound to be filled by women who realize in this their opportunity for service. The percentage of women in professional training is decidedly on the increase. At the State University of Iowa this year, seventeen percent of those registered in the College of Pharmacy are women. Another year it will be even greater, for women are quick to avail themselves of the double opportunity to earn their livelihood and at the same time do their bit.

WARNING AS TO CRUDE DRUGS.

Because of the discovery of as much as 25 percent of dog fennel in recent shipments of chamomile and of foreign materials in other crude drugs, the United States Department of Agriculture warns dealers and shippers to purchase only on explicit specifications. When imported, or shipped in interstate commerce, or when offered for sale in the Territories or the District of Columbia, crude drugs are adulterated within the meaning of the Food and Drugs Act if their strength or purity falls below the professed standard or quality under which they are sold. If the drug is sold under or by a name recognized in the United States Pharmacopoeia or National Formulary, it must conform with the requirements thereof as to strength, quality, and purity. If it differs therefrom, and the name recognized in the Pharmacopoeia or Formulary is retained, then the bottle, box, or other container must bear a plain statement of its own standard of strength, quality, or purity.

A WORD FROM THE TREASURER.

The A. Ph. A. fiscal year runs even with the calendar year. The annual payment for 1918 was due January 1. The bills were mailed to the members December 17, 1917. It is gratifying to state that at the present writing, January 5, the treasurer has received 725 payments for 1918. A prompt response from the other members will save the association the expense of mailing a second bill.

New Year's greetings to all from

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