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EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

Another year has passed swiftly by and time for a new staff to take over the management of our publication. The outgoing staff wish them every success in the coming year. May their work on The Veterinary Student receive an equally stimulating effect as our own. The “brainchild” of Dr. Wm. D. Daugherty has experienced a distinct change in make-up during the last twelve months. Other achievements of The Veterinary Student such as increased circulation, more illustrations per issue and new features, e.g. the bulletin page, were made possible by the vital assistance of the commercial houses, subscribers, faculty members, graduates and students. May we take this opportunity to express our deep appreciation for their splendid cooperation.

Confucius says, “No great truth was ever impressed upon a large number of people except by repetition.” It seems timely to repeat again the urgent need for practitioners to show their interest in advancing their profession by improving a student. Only by offering these young men proper training in the practice of veterinary medicine can the graduate veterinarian expect to do his part in improving the class of graduate and ultimately the standard of the veterinary profession as a whole.

The time is drawing near when several hundred veterinary students will graduate. Subsequent to the acceptance of their diplomas they take upon themselves the responsibilities of a veterinarian. With the added uncertainty of war clouds overhead, their questions and problems have been multiplied many fold. What to do, what plans to make—are but a few of their interrogations. These perplexities, to some, have caused them to forget they are fortunate in coming upon the scene in a young profession rapidly progressing and not overcrowded. It grew and branched out because there were individuals vitally interested in the welfare of our profession. That is our responsibility, Mr. Graduate—not to use our education merely as a source of income but also to improve the standard of veterinary medicine.

How? Join your national, state and local associations; take an active part in them! Subscribe to your veterinary publications—they will do much in keeping you informed on the current events in your profession. Support your local organization and arouse public interest in behalf of the veterinary profession. These are but a few of the responsibilities you have accepted. Meet them as you can, and both you and the veterinary profession will win new achievements!

The cover is a photograph of Dr. Margaret W. Sloss, assistant in Veterinary Pathology, staining tissue sections for microscopic examination. Dr. Sloss was the first woman to graduate from this division.