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THE culmination of a desire to be Doctors of Veterinary Medicine is now realized as we complete our college education. The efforts of the faculty and students alike have been directed toward developing veterinarians who are both scientific and practical in their approach to prevention and treatment of animal disease. We shall strive in our daily work to effectively apply the knowledge gained, thereby continuing the conscientious efforts stimulated by college study.

Our technical instruction has been supplemented by an acquired knowledge of human nature and the realization that although each of us is distinct as an individual, we render the greatest service to ourselves and to society by mutual relations. Despite occasional attacks by the sincere but misinformed individuals who feel veterinary medicine is unnecessary, our position in the selected sphere of medical science is not endangered as long as we render the service which our training has made us capable of performing. As a profession we will rise no higher than a function of its component parts. We consider it our duty to not only maintain the professional standard of the past, but do our bit toward its elevation and the continued improvement of livestock health.

OUR COVER illustrates an apparatus familiar to all students graduating from Iowa State's Division of Veterinary Medicine. The autoclave stands as a symbol of the ultimate in sterilization. Behind its glistening doors countless millions of bacteria lost their role as a potential menace to animal health. As we leave college, the clinic autoclave will be another memory, but its principles shall be perpetuated in our daily practice.

We will be clean, neat and especially diligent in applying the methods of asepsis and sterilization practiced during our training. We are aware that the future of veterinary medicine is dependent on the way each veterinarian as an individual applies the knowledge which he has gained. We will apply ourselves faithfully because our success is primarily to the benefit of our clients which, in turn, is reflected as individual and professional prestige.—R. N.