Editorially Speaking

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In an address given during the 90th Anniversary Celebration of Iowa State College in March 1948, Dr. Leslie M. Hurt, ’04, President of the AVMA, stated that of the veterinarians graduated from Iowa State College, 65 percent were engaged in practice, 6 percent were teaching, 4 percent are doing research, 12 percent are in the United States Department of Agriculture, and, in peacetime, 2 percent are in the United States Army.

Most students of veterinary medicine, when they start their preprofessional and professional training, probably intend to engage in the practice of veterinary medicine following graduation. Probably most of the students are unaware of, or have only vague ideas, about other fields of endeavor that a veterinarian can enter.

Probably many veterinarians already engaged in a particular field of veterinary medicine know that some of their classmates are engaged in work that in some cases are considered unusual for veterinarians. Even though they know that the jobs do exist, possibly they do not know what the job is, or why it exists.

To tell students and veterinarians more about some of the work of veterinarians not engaged in practice, we propose to publish in the next few issues a series of articles about the various fields of veterinary medicine. We hope to have the leaders of their respective fields tell you what they are doing and why.

In this issue we are publishing the first article of the series. This article, by Dr. B. T. Simms, Chief of the United States Bureau of Animal Industry, is concerned with the Bureau of Animal Industry and the work of its veterinarians.

In our next issue we will publish an interesting article about the Veterinary Corps of the United States Army, by the Chief of the Veterinary Corps, Brig. General J. A. McCallam. In later issues we expect to publish articles about veterinarians in commercial work, farm management, zoological work, research, and teaching.

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