

Who comforts me in moments of despair?  
Who runs fingers lightly through my hair?  
Who cooks my meals and darns my hose?  
Squeezes nose drops in my nose?  
Who always has a word of praise?  
Sets out my rubbers on rainy days?  
Who scrubs my back when 'ere I shower?  
And wakes me up at the proper hour?  
Who helps keep me on the beam?  
And figures in my every dream?  
I do.

— THE SONG OF AN S. D. U. BACHELOR.

### A CAREER IN PHARMACY

Pharmacy is not a new profession. It's origin is lost in the mists of time. Scientists have collected evidence from excavations to show that pharmacy of a sort was practised at least 4500 years ago. The Old Testament has references of pharmacy. Exodus XXX, 34, "—and thou shall make it a perfume, a confection after the art of the apothecary."

About six hundred years ago, the apothecaries established stores or shops selling herbs, love potions, poisons, dried beetles, etc. With the changes brought about by the progress of civilization this shop was slowly transformed into the drug stores we know today. We must remember that while pharmacy has its roots deep in antiquity, it has kept pace with, and in some cases is responsible for, the scientific development of the human race. The first Canadian pharmacist was Louis Hebert of Quebec who grew herbs at Port Royal, N. S., in 1605.

The majority of graduates in pharmacy return to retail stores where they receive, interpret and dispense the physician's prescriptions. Here your druggist is very accurate and skillfull. He must procure the correct drug in the proper form and quantity and be skillfull in mixing it with other ingredients. If a pharmacist makes a mistake he, unlike most people, cannot erase it, but can send flowers to the proper cemetery. Some graduates of pharmacy go to a pharmaceutical laboratory, and may do analytical work or they may be assigned to a position in the manufacturing end of the profession.

Or, if they want to see the world they will join one of the branches of the armed forces with a commission or become drug travelers. Last but not least, the graduate may decide to become a hospital pharmacist. The conditions under which the pharmacist works are classified among those known as preferred, that is, rela-

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tively free from hazard. The work is light and varied and requires care and precision. Unusual and interesting problems arise concerning customers and their wants. For example, an Indian wanted some oil of Spike, but, having forgotten the name, asked for oil of Big Nail. The hours may be longer and the physical activity greater than is usual with indoor occupations but the duties are sufficiently varied and interesting to offset these handicaps. The pharmacist is the intimate associate of the physician, dentist and nurse, and is the Father Confessor of the neighborhood. Often the pharmacist knows more about the people in his neighborhood than the policeman on the beat.

The prime requisite in a pharmacist is a love for detail, that is, a desire to have everything done carefully and systematically. A Pharmacy without careful and definite rules for orderliness is a menace. Manual dexterity is a desirable asset. The pharmacist must possess the necessary characteristics of honesty, sincerity, and enthusiasm. He must supplement his technical knowledge of pharmacy by a broad interest in such things as medicine, dentistry, veterinary practice, farming, literature and art to name a few; by self-cultivation, as he will meet people in all walks of life. The training in pharmacy may be somewhat narrow and professional due to the nature of the subjects required and the time available. Finally, the pharmacist must be progressive, that is, he must have the desire and energy to keep himself informed on the many new ideas and drugs being introduced into the realm of medicine.

There are many opportunities for advancement in pharmacy from managing or owning a retail store to managing a drug company.

The requirements for admission into a school of pharmacy are not uniform throughout Canada. Generally matriculation is required.

After graduating a qualified pharmacist may anticipate quite a satisfactory remuneration.

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#### FILLER: A TRIOLET

To help to fill the RED AND WHITE  
I thought I'd try a triolet,  
A form in which Belloc did write,  
To help to fill the RED AND WHITE.

I'll use a word that isn't right,  
But rimes in spite—: violet.  
To help to fill the RED AND WHITE  
I thought I'd try a triolet.

ELIJAH '56