

unjust as it is untrue. There are thousands of conscientious, upright, honorable pharmacists, who would no more think of substituting in a prescription than they would of trying to pass a counterfeit bill. It is unfortunate that reflection must be cast upon these honest druggists by the acts of their unscrupulous brothers, but all of this hue and cry on the part of manufacturers about substituting cannot be ignored. Where there is so much smoke there must be some fire. Fairchild Bros. & Foster, by their action, place the charge where it belongs, and this cannot fail to benefit honest dealers. Every honest druggist owes it to himself and his profession to speak plainly on this subject. He should adopt the most strict rules for his own establishment; improve every opportunity to condemn the practice of substituting, and see that resolutions to this effect are passed by his local, State and national associations. Each druggist should make it a point to give his physicians and his customers to understand that when a prescription comes in to his establishment, it is filled with exactly what it calls for. There can be no middle ground, no compromise, no question on this point. Physicians who prescribe them and the manufacturers who make the goods must have no good cause for such complaints. The honor of the drug trade demands that this stigma be removed. It is not a question of dollars and cents alone, but professional honor is at stake, and we know that every honest pharmacist will join with us in the statement that the druggist who substitutes in his prescriptions is a disgrace to his profession.—*Pharmaceutical Era*, July 2nd, 1896.

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THE Fifteenth Annual Announcement of the New York Post-Graduate Medical School and Hospital has just been issued. Five hundred and forty-two physicians from all over this continent have attended the courses at the institution during the past year. More than one thousand operations were performed in the hospital, which is one of the largest in the city, containing special wards for babies and children, while nearly twenty thousand patients were treated in the out-door department. Recent discoveries have revolutionized medical and surgical methods, and a man whose medical education ended fifteen years ago is not a physician or surgeon within the present meaning of the term. Post-graduate medical instruction is for the purpose of furnishing to these graduates in medicine a means of refreshing their knowledge. It supplies them with the opportunity of coming in direct contact with disease by means of special courses in all the departments of medicine.