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### THE NECESSITY OF PRODUCTIVE WORK IN MEDICINE.\*

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One of the questions frequently heard is, "Where shall I study in Europe?" This inquiry proceeds for the most part from two rather distinct classes of physicians. With us in Chicago, I doubt if our position is at all exceptional, a considerable proportion go to Europe immediately following their hospital service as internes; such seekers after more post-graduate work in medicine constitute one of these classes. The procession has been, I believe, a fairly steady one from most of our large cities, filing through our medical schools into our hospitals and then to Europe.

Inquiries are also received from a second and smaller class of graduates who have been in practice for some time, who either had no hospital training or for divers reasons began practice immediately following hospital service.

There are a number of problems in connection with the advice sought by representatives of both classes, and discussion of them at various times and for a number of years have made them both clearer and more vital. Such discussions may be, and often are, devoted to the relative merits of the different European clinics, the peculiar advantages of the material in

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