

forced upon us the division of professional life, into various so-called specialties. We hear the use of the word "specialist" so frequently that perhaps it would be well to define the word so that we may have a common understanding of what we mean by a "specialist". A "specialist" is "one/<sup>who</sup>devotes himself to a special or particular branch of a profession, art, or science; one who has studied and acquired a special knowledge of, or skill in, some particular subject".

You will see then that when we use the word "specialty" we have in our minds a dual thought; first, a common course of instruction, taken by all students of a certain class, and second, a special course of instruction or study taken by a person who is anxious to give special study to, and acquire special knowledge of, some particular branch of a subject.

The special study should, of course, follow the common or ordinary course, obligatory upon all students of the particular faculty.

There is another question which becomes apparent as we think of this question of professional training - the question of the time spent in preparation. The general practitioner spends the time necessary to obtain ordinary knowledge and skill, the specialist spends the same time as the general practitioner plus the time necessary to obtain special knowledge and skill. In ordinary life a man is paid for the time spent in rendering any service, the skill displayed and the result obtained. The same is true in professional life. Because that this is universally recognized the specialist does, and should, receive higher