

RILEY HAS A FEW WORDS

Experience Teaches

I've learned a few things by experience and one of them is that the fellow who has owned and used a syntonizer for a few months before he takes the Basic courses gets more out of the course than does the fellow who comes into the Basic with no knowledge of any of the several phases of Syntonics. Keep this in mind, fellows, when talking to eligible optometrist friends who are contemplating adding Syntonics to their armamentarium. Tell them to get the instrument; and then to take the next Basic in their vicinity. It'll be of greater help to them.

Educational Standards

I've been reading again. Honestly.

The journals are full of articles on higher educational requirements for optometrists. In some ways, I believe, Hutchinson is right. Two years academic and two years optometry. This has its advantages. And above all, at least one year of some modern foreign language during the academic years. There's a good reason for that.

Then, too, medicine still has some – TEN OF THEM – so-called two years schools of medicine right HERE in the United States. Of course, they're not saying much about it openly, but the Council on Education of the AMA is doing some thinking about ways and means of eliminating them before the general public gets wise.

So in a way, it becomes somewhat of a laugh to see in print articles by optometrists who are tailing in terms of two years pre-optometry and four years in Optometry. For crimp's sake, let's keep our feet on the ground.