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- WM. SYMINGTON BROWN, M.D., Physiology, Hygiene, and Medical Jurisprudence.
- MARY R. JENKS, M.D., Assistant Lecturer on Obstetrics, &c., and Demonstrator of Anatomy.
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TERMS. — The Ninth Annual Term will commence on the First Wednesday of November, 1856, and continue four months. This is the period of the year fixed for the future terms.

The students can receive private instruction from the Professors during the portion of the year not included in the term.

FEEs. — For each of the six courses of the Professors, \$5,—or \$30 in all. Graduation fee, \$10.

TEXT-BOOKS. — The pupils can select from the following, preference being given to the first-named in each branch: *Anatomy*, Wilson, Horner, Quain & Sharpey. *Physiology*, Carpenter, Oliver, Müller. *Obstetrics*, Meigs, Dewees, Velpeau. *Diseases of Women*, Meigs, Churchill, Madames Boivin and Lachapelle. *Theory and Practice*, Wood and Watson. *Materia Medica*, Pereira, Royle, United States Dispensatory. *Surgery*, Druiitt, Cooper, Fergusson. *Chemistry*, Prof. W. S. Brown, Silliman, Turner; Christison or Taylor on Poisons. *Medical Dictionaries*, Dunglison, Hooper, Gardner.

BOARD can be had in the city for \$2.50 to \$4 a week, according to accommodations.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION AND GRADUATION. — Applicants for admission must present satisfactory testimonials of character, and possess a good English education; and the higher their literary and scientific attainments the better, of course. The candidates for the Degree of Doctor of Medicine must have pursued medical studies three years, two of which must be certified to by a respectable practitioner of medicine; and must have attended two full courses of lectures, one of which must have been in this College. The candidate must sustain a satisfactory examination in all the branches taught in the institution; and, at the time of application for the Degree (to be made at least three weeks before the close of the term), she must present the Graduation Fee, and a Thesis, written in her own hand, on some medical subject, which will be retained in the archives of the institution, or published, if thought advisable. Should any candidate withdraw her application for a Degree, or be rejected at the final examination, the Graduation Fee will be refunded.

STUDENTS.

TERM OF 1855-56.

RACHEL H. ALLEN, Lowell.	MARY E. GRACE, Boston.
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MARIA L. COOKE, Homer, N.Y.	ELLEN MARIA SMITH, Harwich.
PAMELA A. DEEW, Boston.	SUSAN TEEL, Somerville.
DEBORAH DRURY, Andover.	ELIZABETH J. VAILE, W. Kendall, N.Y.
CHARLOTTE FLINDERS, Boston.	SARAH F. VAILE, " "
ADELINE FULLER, Cambridge.	SUSAN H. WARD, Abington.
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GRADUATES

OF THE CLASSES 1854-55-56.

SOPHRONIA FLETCHER, Boston.	ELIZABETH B. CHAMBERLIN, Boston.
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MARY R. JENKS, Boston.	MARIA LOUISA COOKE, Homer, N.Y.
M. N. THURSTON, San Francisco, Cal.	SARAH W. SALISBURY, E. Weymouth.

FEMALE PHYSICIANS, of intelligence and skill, and also board and medical treatment by them at their residences, may be obtained by inquiry at the College.

NURSES. — Lectures are given to Nurses of the sick; and a Registry of the names of those wishing places is kept at the College. No charge is made to Nurses, or to the Patrons, for the benefit of the Registry.

SHORT COURSES OF LECTURES TO LADIES, on subjects of interest to females generally, are given at the College; and, moreover, any lady desirous of obtaining physiological, sanitary, and curative knowledge, can procure a ticket to the regular Lectures of any one or more of the Professors.

AGENTS have certificates from the Secretary, which are required to be renewed once in three months. Mrs. ANNA GOULDING has been engaged for the past six years in collecting funds, and is still employed.

R E P O R T.

[The first six of the following pages, including the Treasurer's Account, are the Report presented at the Annual Meeting in October, 1855, and, of course, some months previous to the change of the Society's name and organization by the Legislature.]

IN accordance with the requirements of their office, the Directors of the FEMALE MEDICAL EDUCATION SOCIETY submit to its members and patrons an account of its operations during the past year, and of its present condition and prospects.

This, seventh, year of the Society's history has been one of greater prosperity than any preceding, — the very natural result of its operations for the previous six years. The association was organized as an agency for creating a demand for and a supply of female physicians. The former object has necessarily taken precedence, and has required a portion of the Society's funds and the labor of its employees. Large editions of Annual Reports, numerous pamphlets and circulars, the public press, and agents with their indefatigable missionary efforts, have, in this comparatively short time, expanded the incipient idea of female medical education into a general public sentiment.

This preparatory process was indispensable; for, without it, female medical colleges and female physicians would be but absurdities and superfluities. When, however, this preparatory work is once done, as it ere long will be, the labor and expense of its accomplishment cease, and it is done for all time to come.

Nor has the second object, the furnishing of the supply, been neglected. The pupils, who have come forward in consequence of the pressure of the public demand for their services, have been provided with instruction through the agency of the Society's institution, the NEW-ENGLAND FEMALE MEDICAL COLLEGE. This institution, from the small beginning it had made when the Society was formed, has, under the management and fostering care of the

association, grown into a fully appointed Female Medical College, with a Faculty of six instructors, and the facilities for giving its pupils a thorough medical education. The last class [of 1854-55] consisted of twenty-eight students, quite an increase upon the preceding one; and, from the number of applications that have been made, there is a prospect that the next class will be considerably larger than the last. The institution, being the oldest one of the kind in the country, has become widely known; and there is no doubt that its prosperity and usefulness will rapidly increase.

For the means of achieving so great an amount of success, the friends and patrons of the movement are entitled to the thanks of the public; and if, in the obtaining and appropriating of these funds, and administering the affairs of the Society and its institution, the Directors have been in any degree successful, they feel rewarded for their services by the satisfaction of witnessing the progress of so important a public enterprise.

SCHOLARSHIPS.

In 1854, the Massachusetts Legislature granted the institution a thousand dollars a year for five years, in the form of scholarships for forty pupils annually, from the different counties, according to the number of State Senators. Within the past year, the first \$1,000 of this appropriation has been received, and, together with the tuition-fees and something more, has been paid to the Professors, as appears by the Treasurer's account.

The Directors are glad to have it thus in their power to increase the remuneration of the lecturers. But, as will be observed, this grant does not relieve them in providing for the general expenses of the College, which have very much increased in consequence of the increasing number of pupils. And to depend upon the precarious income from subscriptions, obtained in small sums from month to month, to meet the Society's liabilities, is a source of inconvenience and uncomfortable anxiety.

STATE GRANT OF \$10,000.

Influenced by these considerations, the Board of Directors, early in the last session of the Legislature, applied for additional aid from the State. The petition was referred to the Committee on Education, who gave the matter a full and careful investigation, and recommended the passage of the following Resolve:—

Resolved, That there be paid out of the treasury of the Commonwealth to the Female Medical Education Society, in aid of its institution, the New-England Female Medical College, the sum of ten thousand dollars, to be paid in four equal annual payments, commencing on the first day of January, eighteen hundred and fifty-six, — this sum to be applied in providing a suitable building, library, apparatus, and other necessary furniture and fixtures, and in otherwise promoting the objects of the Society and its institution; and that the Governor be authorized to draw his warrant therefor: *provided* an equal sum be raised for the same purpose from other sources.

This Resolve passed both branches with great unanimity and manifest good-will. Some progress has been made in obtaining the sum required to secure this legislative grant; and it is hoped that the liberality of the numerous friends of this philanthropic enterprise will speedily furnish the entire amount. New England should have, in this its metropolis, a well-endowed Female Medical College, and, in connection with it, a Female Hospital. This latter institution would be a most important auxiliary to the College in the education of its pupils, and a resort for women in need of the most careful and skilful treatment of difficult cases of disease peculiar to their sex. For the want of such a hospital, multitudes of females, seeking relief from their sufferings, now resort to private and expensive infirmaries, conducted wholly by males, and without a female physician to assist in the investigation and treatment of the diseases of the patients.

AN ENGLISH AUTHORITY.

Such is the manifest propriety, and even urgency, of introducing women into the medical profession, not only as healers of the sick, but as the instructors of their sex in the art of preserving health, that the object is receiving the general voice of approval in our own country, and is beginning to attract attention in our fatherland.

Mrs. S. C. HALL, of London, one of the most accomplished female authors in England, has recently written and published a long and interesting article upon this subject, from which we extract a few paragraphs:—

“Several American ladies — having studied earnestly and diligently the medical profession, chiefly, if not (as it ought to be) entirely, with a view of understanding and ministering to the cure of those diseases which ‘belong,’ so to say, to women and children — have become entitled to the distinction of M.D., and obtained degrees

accordingly. I have never felt inclined to quarrel with nature because I was born of the 'weaker sex,' nor with the laws of my country because they persist in keeping women so much weaker than nature intended they should be. Individually, I have nothing to complain of: but I know those who have been otherwise circumstanced; and at this moment, when it is surely not too much to say, *hundreds* of strong-born men owe their lives to weak-born women, it ought to be a matter of consideration whether a very useful movement might not be made *here*, as well as in America, to give well-born and well-educated women opportunities of graduating in a profession, the domestic usefulness of which brings it so entirely within a woman's province and a woman's power, and opens a new door for profitable female employment.

"However the public may complain of ministerial mismanagement, there was no want of management or judgment in sending forth Miss Nightingale and her faithful friends and followers to the rescue of our poor soldiers from disease and death. Whether Mr. Gladstone committed 'mistakes' or not, it is not my business to inquire; but surely that was not a blunder which sent so many messengers of mercy to the East. When so much good has been done by women comparatively unprepared for such a task, what might not be expected from women educated to cure as well as nurse, more particularly their own sex and children, whose early years are especially under their dominion? Yet how few mothers know aught of the wonderful and beautiful structure of their children's bodies, or of their mental and spiritual organization! In all that concerns this important branch of female education, I cannot but think that woman has been kept not only *weaker*, but more *ignorant*, than nature intended her to be.

"The most fastidious must admit, that it is better for one woman to acquire the knowledge that is necessary to investigate and cure the diseases of hundreds of her own sex, than for those *hundreds* to be treated for those diseases by *medical men*. I have known several instances of females sinking into early graves, because they persisted in refusing to communicate their sufferings to a physician. . . . I cannot feel that a study and knowledge of the wonderful and beautiful structure which the ALL-WISE created as a temple for the SOUL, during its earthly pilgrimage, can do otherwise than elevate and enrich the mind. Those who would attach ideas of impurity to such study and such knowledge must indeed be deeply steeped in 'trespasses.' But if a movement were made to enable women of steadfast and comprehensive minds to study the art of healing, so as to minister to the cure of those diseases more particularly incidental to their own sex and children, while others, having less desire of knowledge, or perhaps less nerve, were rendered competent as NURSES, to aid the physician's skill by their continual care, a new field would be expanded for women, new and higher interests would be created for them. Numbers, who degenerate for want of

an object (denied by circumstances) to lavish their care and affection upon, would become elevated by the consciousness of utility, and the power of providing for themselves; the ranks of *tattlers* and *toadies* would greatly diminish; and without the necessity of nunnery-vows, or the 'Look at my dress of penitence and prayer,' we should find our homes still more consecrated by intelligent and actively useful friends.

"It will be wise for ladies in England to think and inquire concerning this matter. Of the many good suggestions we have received from the other side of the Atlantic, this is assuredly not the least good; perhaps it is the best."

NURSES.

In addition to the qualification of women as medical practitioners, the education of Nurses of the sick is one of the objects of this Society. Quite a number have already had the benefit of lectures in the institution; and a Registry of the names and residence of nurses is kept here for the accommodation of the public. It is proposed to make this a prominent department of instruction. Educated nurses are needed in the various public hospitals and asylums, as well as among the community at large. In times of prevailing sickness, as during the past season at Norfolk, Va., a supply of intelligent and well-trained nurses would be of inestimable value.

FEMALE TEACHERS IN SCHOOLS AND SEMINARIES.

This College can very properly serve as a Normal School for the qualification of female teachers for the sanitary department of common-school education. Female seminaries should be provided with female physicians, who could, if necessary, unite the office of teacher and medical adviser in the same individual; especially would they be prepared as instructors in physiology and hygiene.

DIFFUSION OF SANITARY KNOWLEDGE AMONG WOMEN.

The third object named in the First Article of the Society's Constitution is, "To diffuse among women generally a knowledge of physiology, and the principles and means of preserving and restoring health,"—an object of such obvious importance to the welfare of society as to need no arguments to enforce its claims. Much has already been done in this respect. Several courses of semi-scientific lectures have been given by the Professors, in the College Rooms, and illustrated with the apparatus of the institution.

These short courses of instruction, on one or two afternoons of a week, have been attended by large numbers of highly intelligent ladies of the city and neighboring towns; several classes having come from a female seminary in an adjoining city. Great interest has been manifested by the audiences who have attended these lectures, and a strong desire expressed to have them recommence as soon as practicable.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING OCT. 2, 1855.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand at the close of last year	\$145.28
Lecture Fees	143.23
State appropriation for Scholarships	1000.00
Donations and Fees of Membership	2938.60
Total	\$4227.11

EXPENSES.

Paid Professors	\$1303.67
Paid several Agents for obtaining funds, and performing "missionary" labor for the Society in Massachusetts and other New-England States	886.28
Printing and Paper (8,000 copies of the Annual Report, besides Circulars and other documents)	468.51
Advertising	157.03
Rent	386.00
Carpenter's work, Painting, and Gas Fixtures	91.82
Materials and articles connected with instruction, and other expenses about the College	110.88
Fuel, Gas, and Stove	75.20
Stationery, Books, &c.	37.32
Postage	46.97
Fare and other travelling expenses of the Secretary	42.39
Legal expenses	183.65
Miscellaneous	40.92
Balance paid towards Secretary and General Agent's Salary (\$600)	396.47
Total	\$4227.11

JOHN P. JEWETT, *Treasurer.*

The foregoing Account has been examined, and found correctly cast and properly vouched.

D. S. KING,
A. W. THAXTER, JR., } *Auditors.*

Having thus presented in brief the operations, condition, and objects of the New-England Female Medical College, the Directors cordially commend it to the favor and support of the public.

The foregoing was read at the last annual meeting, held in October, 1855; since which time an important change has been made, as will appear from the following paragraphs:—

CHANGE OF CORPORATE NAME AND ORGANIZATION.

Though the institution has, for a number of years, borne the name of New-England Female Medical College, the *corporation* by which it was conducted and sustained was chartered, in 1850, as the Female Medical Education Society. The College having now arrived at a good degree of maturity, the present organization being cumbersome and complicated, in consequence of its two names and twofold character, and all of its officers being chosen, and liable to be changed, annually, it was thought that the stability and prosperity of the institution would be rendered more certain under the more concentrated, efficient, and permanent government of a Board of Trustees.

This matter was discussed at the last annual meeting, and, by a unanimous vote, the Directors were instructed to petition the Legislature to make such a change in the charter of the Society as to give it the usual organization and powers of a medical college.

The petition was accordingly sent in, and presented in the Senate by Hon. G. W. Warren, of Boston, and referred to the Committee on Education, consisting of Hon. John Batchelder and Hon. Benj. F. Mills, on the part of the Senate; and Messrs. Josiah H. Temple, John I. Baker, John Littlefield, James H. Beal, and Andrew Pollard, on the part of the House. The Committee, by its Chairman, Mr. Batchelder (since chosen one of the Trustees), reported the following Bill, which passed the Senate unanimously, and the House of Representatives with but a small dissenting vote, and was approved by the Governor, May 28, 1856:—

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

IN THE YEAR ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SIX.

AN ACT to change the Name of the FEMALE MEDICAL EDUCATION SOCIETY to NEW-ENGLAND FEMALE MEDICAL COLLEGE, and to re-organize the same.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

SECT. 1. — The name of the Female Medical Education Society shall hereafter be New-England Female Medical College.

SECT. 2. — All the government and business of said College shall be conducted by a Board of Trustees, consisting of twenty members. The present

Directors — to wit, John S. Tyler, Benjamin C. Clark, Samuel E. Sewall, Adam W. Thaxter, junior, Dexter S. King, John P. Jewett, and Samuel Gregory — shall be Trustees till others are chosen in their stead.

SECT. 3. — At the first meeting of the above-named seven Trustees of said College, they shall choose thirteen persons to complete the Board of Trustees. When the number of twenty is thus completed, they shall be divided by lot into five classes of four each, whose terms of office shall successively expire in one, two, three, four, and five years; and, at the end of each year, four Trustees shall be chosen for five years, the choice to be made by the sixteen Trustees remaining in office.

SECT. 4. — The Trustees shall have power to fill all vacancies occurring from any cause in their Board; to elect a President, Secretary, Treasurer, and such other officers as they may consider necessary; to make By-laws; to appoint Professors, who shall constitute a Medical Faculty; and to confer the usual degree of Doctor of Medicine.

SECT. 5. — This Act shall take effect as soon as the same shall have been accepted at a meeting of the Female Medical Education Society, called for the purpose; of which meeting notice shall be given by said Directors, by publishing a call for the meeting in not less than three of the newspapers printed in Boston, at least six days before the meeting.

House of Representatives, May 27, 1856.

Passed to be enacted,

CHARLES A. PHELPS, *Speaker.*

In Senate, May 27, 1856.

Passed to be enacted,

ELIHU C. BAKER, *President.*

May 28, 1856. — Approved,

HENRY J. GARDNER.

A meeting of the Society, having been notified in accordance with the requirement of Section 5, was held at the College, June 10, 1856, for the purpose of considering and acting upon the acceptance of the Act. By a vote of the meeting, it was recommended that the persons heretofore known as Members of the Female Medical Education Society be hereafter called "Patrons of the New-England Female Medical College." The Act was then accepted, without a dissenting vote. This change, of course, does not affect the Society's objects, privileges, restrictions, or right of property, these continuing under the new name and organization.

The seven Trustees named in the Act have performed the duty of completing the Board of Trustees. The time required by the legislative action and the re-organization has somewhat delayed the publication of the Seventh Annual Report.

The Legislature has certainly manifested a special interest in this object; having, with great unanimity, conferred the Society charter of 1850, the grant of \$5,000 in 1854, the grant of \$10,000 in 1855, and, finally, the ample and liberal charter of 1856.

FUNDS OF THE COLLEGE.

Of the legislative grant of \$10,000, made in 1855, the first annual instalment, of \$2,500, was received in January last; an equal amount having been obtained from other sources. Of the conditional \$10,000 to be raised by the College, about \$6,000 have been secured by collections and responsible subscriptions. It is hoped that the remaining \$4,000 will soon be furnished by the friends of the institution. The State instalment of \$2,500 was safely invested, as will be the future ones, till the whole \$10,000 is received.

SCHOLARSHIPS. — The State appropriation for Scholarships, spoken of in a previous paragraph, is to continue three years longer. In the mean time, it is hoped that permanent Scholarships will be endowed by public-spirited individuals. What could wealthy *ladies* do, more creditable to themselves or more beneficial to their own sex and to society?

OTHER NEW-ENGLAND STATES will, it is hoped, through their Legislatures or benevolent individuals, make similar provisions to aid some of their intelligent and deserving women of limited means in attending this New-England institution.

BEQUESTS.

The late P. P. F. DEGRAND, of Boston, left a legacy of ten thousand dollars, or near that amount, to this institution; placing the College on the list with Harvard University, and other prospective recipients of his benefactions. Though this bequest may not be available for many years, and until it has accumulated to a much larger amount, yet it is gratifying as showing the estimation of the importance of the institution by an intelligent and keen-sighted business man, residing in its immediate vicinity, and carefully informing himself of its merits.

It is known that other legacies are intended, and have been specified in wills, for this institution; and the New-England Female Medical College will doubtless be a favorite with the wealthy, to the extent of an ample provision for all its wants, — a suitable edifice, library, apparatus, &c.; an accompanying Female Hospital; and the endowment of Professorships and Scholarships.

LIBRARY.

The College has a nucleus of a library, to which additions will be made as means permit. The Trustees take pleasure in return-

ing their thanks to the following-named persons for the donation of the books specified, and will be happy to receive and acknowledge similar favors from publishers, physicians, and others, who may find it convenient and agreeable to present books to the College:—

From Mrs. WATERHOUSE, Cambridge, books from the library of her late husband, Benj. Waterhouse, M.D., Professor in Harvard Medical College:— Cheselden's Anatomy; Haller's Physiology; Oliver's Physiology; Liebig's Organic Chemistry of Agriculture and Physiology; Coate's Physiology; Jarvis' Physiology; Williamson on Health, 2 vols.; Thatcher's American Modern Practice; Rush on the Mind; Mackenzie on Health; Cheyne's Essay on Health and Long Life; Bichat on the Membranes; Willich on Diet and Regimen, 2 vols.; Beach's American Practice, 3 vols.; Paine's Letters on Cholera Asphyxia; Francis' Letter on Cholera Asphyxia; Curtis' Medical Discussions; Pruen on Vaccine Inoculation; Report of the Vaccine-Pock Institution, London; Thornton on Cow-Pock; Dr. George C. Shattuck on the Uncertainty of the Healing Art; Stephenson on the Eye; Fitch on the Lungs; Buchan's Domestic Medicine; Alcott's Young Woman's Book of Health; Hollick's Diseases of Women; Hollick's Origin of Life; James on the Management of the Teeth; Flag's Family Dentist; Life of Dr. Samuel Thomson; Thomsonian Manual, 10 vols; Thomsonian Recorder; Botanic Watchman; an original Phrenological Head, by Gall, with the autograph letter of presentation from Prof. W. D. Peck, of Copenhagen, to Dr. Waterhouse, 1806.

From JOSEPH E. WORCESTER, LL.D., Cambridge, a copy of his Universal and Critical Dictionary.

From SAMUEL S. and WILLIAM WOOD, publishers, 261, Pearl Street, New York:— Harrison's Anatomy; Cooper's Surgery, 2 vols.; Beck's Materia Medica; Gregory on Eruptive Fevers; Bedford's Clinical Lectures on the Diseases of Women and Children; Cazenave and Schedel on Diseases of the Skin; Vidal on Venereal Diseases; Murphy on Parturition; Cook's Manual of Obstetrics; Cook's Prescriber's Pharmacopœia; Dublin Dissector; Paine's Materia Medica and Therapeutics; Fuller on Rheumatism; Thomson's Conspectus of the Pharmacopœias; Obstetrical Remembrancer, or Denman's Aphorisms; Shaw's Medical Remembrancer; Bower's Memoranda of Anatomy, Surgery, and Physiology; Foot's

Ophthalmic Memoranda; Sharpe's Manual of Percussion and Auscultation; How to nurse Sick Children.

From Dr. JOSEPH CHEEVER, Boston: — Robertson's Conversations on Anatomy, Physiology, and Surgery; Hatin's Manual of Practical Obstetrics; Monroe's Anatomy of the Human Bones; Lawrence on Ruptures; Berthollet on the Art of Dyeing, 2 vols.; Mrs. Phelps' Botany for Beginners.

From BURNHAM & BROTHERS, Boston: — Morgagni on the Seats and Causes of Diseases, 2 vols; Headland on the Action of Medicines in the System.

From HENRY SARGENT, M.D., Worcester: — Horner's Special and General Anatomy, 2 vols.; Hooper's Medical Dictionary.

From HENRY CLARK, M.D., Worcester: — Gerhard on the Diagnosis of Diseases of the Chest; Ashwell on the Diseases peculiar to Women.

LOCATION OF THE COLLEGE.

The institution is located in Boston, as being most accessible from all parts of New England, and because it requires a large city to furnish hospital and other practice to its pupils, — an essential part of their education. At present, hired rooms are occupied at 274, Washington Street, at a rent of something over \$600 a year.

SELECTION OF PUPILS.

Physicians, clergymen, teachers, and other good judges of the requisite qualities and acquirements, are respectfully requested to select and encourage suitable females to qualify themselves for the profession. They will thereby do a service to the individuals and the public. Persons engaged in promoting Foreign Missions will do well to have female missionaries receive medical instruction.

SUCCESS AND PROGRESS OF FEMALE PRACTICE.

As many men, from a want of adaptation or other causes, have failed of success in the medical profession, so it will be with many women. But that a wide field of usefulness and abundant success await those who have the natural qualifications and a thorough medical education, is evident from what has already been observed.

Five years ago, there was not a diplomatized female physician in Boston; now, not less than eight are in practice here who have the title of M.D. Some of them have a large and lucrative practice;

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One of the women who attended this institution in 1849, had, in April last (less than seven years), presided at 693 births in this city, — 145 last year; while the male physicians here have an annual average of less than 20 cases. In all of this practice there has been a remarkable degree of success, there being no resort to instrumental aid in the 693 cases; whereas instruments are not unfrequent accompaniments in male practice, as in the late case of the Empress Eugénie, in France, and as they are always liable to be when the patient is embarrassed by the attendance of a medical man.

A female practitioner in Worcester has attended 908 births in that city in seven years, from 1849 to 1855 inclusive. The number in 1855 was 194. There being twins in three cases, the number of children was 197, or above *one-fourth* of the whole number of births in that city, which was 783.

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		Rebecca J. Wardwell 1		
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		George P. Bissell 5		
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		William Connor 3		
		Calvin Day 5		
		Ebenezer Flower 15		
		James Goodwin 5		
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THE \$10,000 GRANT.

It has been stated in the preceding pages that the Legislature of 1855 made a grant of \$10,000 to the College, on condition that an equal sum be raised from other sources; and that of this latter sum about \$6,000 had been secured.

The names of those who have subscribed \$100, or more, appear below. Some of the number affixed their names to a paper without the condition of deferring payment till the whole amount was completed, and have paid their donations.

Persons willing to aid in making up the remaining \$4,000 will oblige by signifying it to the Secretary. Those who receive copies of this Report will confer a favor by showing them to others. All sums paid will be duly acknowledged by receipts and in the next Annual Report.

SUBSCRIPTION PAPER.

The Massachusetts Legislature having granted to the New-England Female Medical College the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars, to aid in providing a suitable building, library, apparatus, &c., on condition that an equal sum be raised for the purpose from other sources, we, the subscribers, agree to pay the sums affixed to our names, towards this required amount of Ten Thousand Dollars, whenever the entire sum shall have been secured.

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LETTER TO LADIES,

IN FAVOR OF

FEMALE PHYSICIANS FOR THEIR OWN SEX.

BY SAMUEL GREGORY, A.M., M.D.,

Secretary of the N. E. Female Medical College.

THIRD EDITION.

The above is the title of a pamphlet of forty-eight pages, advocating the objects of the Institution, and containing historical and other information relating to the subject in the past and the present, in our own and other countries. Published by the College, and to be had of the Secretary, by mail or otherwise, at the Institution, 274, Washington Street; also of John P. Jewett and Co., Boston, and of booksellers generally.

EDITORIAL AND OTHER NOTICES.

FEMALE PHYSICIANS. — A "Letter to Ladies, in favor of Female Physicians," by Samuel Gregory, M.D., in a pamphlet form, is in circulation. It is well written, and forcible in argument. . . . We recommend an examination of the pamphlet to medical men. *Boston Medical and Surgical Journal.*

He has, in this pamphlet, brought together a multitude of facts and arguments in favor of educating females for physicians. *National Ægis (Worcester).*

This is an earnest and convincing plea for the education and employment of female physicians. We commended the "Letter" to our readers on its first appearance, and take pleasure in renewing our recommendation of the pamphlet. The enterprise with which Dr. Gregory is connected enjoys the favor of some of the best and most influential men in New England. *New-England Farmer.*

Though this is but a pamphlet, it is a publication of more interest and importance than are most of the large volumes that are presented for our notice. . . . This "Letter" presents a large amount of information, both local and general, in a style plain and convincing, yet admirably delicate and judicious. *Boston Traveller.*

We cheerfully notice the publication of this interesting "Letter" on an interesting subject. *Boston Post.*

The subject Dr. Gregory has so sensibly touched upon is really an interesting one; and we think, if his "Letter" should be generally and candidly read, it would impress some people with some new ideas of more importance than they had ever imagined. *Boston Bee.*

We wish the work might be generally circulated. We know something experimentally of the advantages of a female physician in our own family; of the greater delicacy, comfort, and success which attend their labors in certain cases. And we feel a desire that others shall know of these advantages; and, that they may do so, we commend to them the study of this able "Letter." *Bangor Whig and Courier.*

This "Letter" treats of a subject of great importance to society, and one that has hitherto been too much neglected. We commend it to general attention. *Portland Transcript.*

This "Letter" should be in the hands of every American woman. It is upon a subject in which she is deeply interested. *National Era (Washington, D.C.).*

The author of this work has performed a service for humanity. Thousands and hundreds of thousands should read this little work, and shape their course accordingly. *Northern Christian Advocate.*

We have a pamphlet from which we will give an extract, in order to induce our readers to send for the whole. It ought to be circulated throughout the Union. *Godey's Lady's Book.*

Extracts from Letters to the Secretary of the N. E. Female Medical College.

From Mrs. Sarah J. Hale, Philadelphia.

I am happy to enclose you the name and subscription of one life member. . . . I shall greatly rejoice if I can aid this grand and good cause in which you are engaged heart and soul; and you may rely on my assurance of doing what I can. I have given away all the pamphlets you sent me. The "Letter to Ladies" is much esteemed, and the Report of the Massachusetts Legislature is high authority. Can you favor me with another package of these pamphlets?

From Mrs. L. H. Sigourney, Hartford, Ct.

Please accept my earnest thanks for the Reports of your institution, and especially for the admirable pamphlet addressed to our sex, by your own pen, which you have had the kindness to send me. Of the latter it is impossible to speak too highly.

[The note from which the above was taken enclosed \$20, the fee of life membership. The following is from a subsequent letter:—]

I rejoice that your philanthropic design advances in public estimation; which I am sure it will continue to do, being founded upon the immutable laws of nature, and also a palpable element of true patriotism. . . . Boston, in former days, took the lead of all our cities in liberally sustaining noble plans, and, I trust, still preserves that character.

From Mrs. Emma Willard, Troy, N. Y.

Having just found time to peruse your interesting "Letter to Ladies," I am ready to say that I heartily approve your views. Women need instruction, and such an institution as yours to receive and educate them; and I wish to your praiseworthy efforts every encouragement.

From Mrs. Almira Lincoln Phelps, Patapsco Female Institute, Md.

I am happy to send you the enclosed \$20, the fee of life membership. It has long been my opinion that the science of medicine should be cultivated by women, especially in those departments in which women are peculiarly interested. It has required a great amount of moral courage to brave public prejudice on this subject; but the work is begun, and can never retrograde. Your institution is doing much to aid it; and you have my best wishes for success.

OPINIONS OF EDITORS AND OTHERS.

Several female physicians are in excellent practice in Boston, with an increasing business. . . . We wish success to the female medical schools, and prosperity to the fair pupils.

Boston Med. and Surg. Jour., by its late editor, Dr. J. V. C. Smith.

The people feel that educated female doctors are a kind of "godsend," and they will employ them.

American Journal of Medicine.

In dividing labors and rewards with woman, man has taken the lion's share; and we hail with joy every sign of amendment and reparation. In this view of the case, we look favorably on the female-physician scheme. . . . Then, it is the diseases of women and children which constitute the bulk of medical practice; and for the management of such diseases their aptitudes specially fit them.

Christian Watchman and Reflector (Boston).

The object is of great public importance, and must commend itself to general favor and support.

Christian Witness and Church Advocate (Boston).

This is one of the most important projects of the day for the improvement of the condition of women.

Zion's Herald and Wesleyan Journal (Boston).

No just and right-feeling person, so far as we know, objects on any ground to the idea, now being so happily realized, of educated female nurses and physicians for attendance upon their own sex.

Rev. A. L. Stone, in the Congregationalist.

These are objects of great moment, and ought to receive the favor of our entire community. How the present usages of most countries, in regard to medical practice among women, could have so long received favor, is a matter of great surprise.

Christian Freeman.

There are many diseases of women and children, and many cases of practice among them, in which a lady, well qualified by medical and surgical education, may be employed with every advantage.

New-York Observer.

We have frequently and unequivocally expressed the opinion, that some of the branches of medical practice should be exclusively committed to the care of females, qualified by natural endowments and education for the responsibilities they would assume in the discharge of such duties.

New-York Day-Book.

Conservative as we are, we are fond of rational reforms; and in no one do we more rejoice than in this.

Hartford (Ct.) Courant.

We have given our hearty approval to the philanthropic efforts for securing thorough medical education to females.

Springfield Republican.

The object is an important one; and every reasonable man and woman must wish for its success.

Boston Traveller.

Progress is the watchword of the times; and, when manifested in causes akin to this in substantial and practical good, none but the conventionally dull will regret it.

Boston Post.

Whoever shall found a college for the instruction of female physicians will do good service for his generation and race.

Christian World.

The object is a good one, on which some millionaire could safely endow a hundred thousand dollars, and those of less wealth a smaller sum.

Portsmouth (N. H.) Journal.

In our opinion, this enterprise should meet with the favor and support of every married man and woman in the community.

New-Hampshire Patriot.

From the nature of the case, there are reasons why the practice of medicine should not be confined to one sex.

Newburyport Herald.

There are many reasons why this good work should go on; and not the least controlling, that a preference for female physicians is constantly growing, and that ignorant and incompetent women will assume this office if the ground is not occupied by the conscientious and qualified.

New-Bedford Mercury.

The education of women for the medical profession, and especially for its practice in the diseases of women and in midwifery, has begun to attract the attention which it deserves. Indeed, there can be but one opinion of the importance of this movement.

Providence Journal.

No friend of man can fail to pray devoutly that this long-hoped-for improvement may speedily be realized.

Northern Christian Advocate.

The propriety of having female physicians in every community, we think, all will admit.

California Christian Advocate.

From Hon. Edmund Burke, of New Hampshire.

The object of your Association is most excellent. If you could succeed in supplying the community with female physicians, you would confer an immense blessing upon society.

From James Deane, M.D., of Greenfield, Vice-President of the Mass. Med. Society.

The objects of the Female Medical Education Society meet my approbation, because, from an attentive consideration of the peculiar diseases of women during a practice of twenty years, I have ever been of the opinion, that as a general thing, and especially as to diseases incident to parturition, these might with great propriety be committed to the management of their own sex.

From Rev. Horace Bushnell, D.D.

It seems to me that the design is one whose objects are rational, and will commend themselves to the judicious.

From Rev. A. P. Peabody, D.D., Editor of the North-American Review.

That there are numerous cases in which the services of scientifically educated females would be of priceless worth, and in which there are obstacles to the full and entire exercise of the needed skill by the Medical Faculty as at present constituted, I cannot doubt; and I have heard admissions of this kind made by physicians of eminence, and, among others, by an eminent medical professor in the New-York University.

From a Report to the Mass. Legislature of 1856, by the Committee on Education.

That the public good will be promoted by the introduction of women into the medical profession, they cannot doubt. The services of females seem to be especially demanded in the practice of midwifery, and the treatment of the diseases of their own sex, and children.