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To the Graduating Class of the Female Medical College of Pennsylvania, at the Eleventh Annual Commencement, March 14th, 1863. By Emeline H. Cleveland, M. D.

Mrs. Cleveland is at the head of the Woman's Hospital of Philadelphia, and respected by all who have the privilege of her acquaintance, as one of the "honorable women," who are working for the cause of humanity in the true faith of the Gospel. This lady was educated for a missionary physician to her own sex; the ill-health of her husband, a Presbyterian clergyman, prevented them from going abroad; she then devoted herself to the College for women physicians in this city, and when the Woman's Hospital was to be established, went to Paris and passed a year in the celebrated Hospital Maternité. We can give only a short extract of her excellent and beautiful address; but we hope any lady interested in these subjects will apply for copies of the Report on the Hospital, and also for this Address, to Mrs. Cleveland, Woman's Hospital, North College Avenue, Twenty-Second Street, Philadelphia.—(Godey's Lady's Book.)
FEMALE MEDICAL COLLEGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.—We are under obligations for the Valedictory Address, delivered before the Graduating Class, at the eleventh annual Commencement of this College, on the 14th ult., by Mrs. Emeline H. Cleveland, Professor of Obstetrics and Diseases of Women and Children.

Mrs. Cleveland was, at one time, a resident of Oramel, and we need not say to those of our readers who know her, that the Address before us is an able and highly creditable production.

The Female Medical College at Philadelphia, has struggled against strong prejudices up to the front rank of institutions of its class. We most heartily wish it God-speed, if for no other reason than that its object and labor is for the elevation of woman to a more comprehensive sphere of action in connection with the development of her duties in all the changing relations of life, as well as a better knowledge of herself. A want of this knowledge has been a fruitful cause of disease, suffering and crime; and now that the chain of prejudice which has bound the women of the country to the car of Ignorance, is broken, we hope to see a more liberal spirit prevail. Even in an educational point of view, and without regard to professional considerations, we cannot see why a knowledge of the science of medicine should not be open to females as well as males. Why is it not as essential that the women—the mothers of our sons and daughters—who have the sole management of them during the most susceptible period of their existence—should not understand enough of that science which is so important to health and happiness, to enable them to avoid the many gross violations of hygienic laws which are now so frequent? Without healthy mothers we cannot have healthy children; and an increased knowledge of the laws through which we live, and of the mechanism of the human form, will aid us in having both.—(Democratic Era, Belmont, Alleghany Co., N. Y.)
FEMALE MEDICAL EDUCATION.—We have read, with interest, the valedictory address of Emeline H. Cleveland, M. D., to the graduating class of the Female Medical College of Pennsylvania. It is remarkably well written—calm, moderate, sensible, unpretending—and will compare favorably with similar productions of distinguished medical men.

This college merits more than the brief notice for which alone we can find room. It is now firmly established, and justly commands the confidence of the community. Among the managers we recognize some of the ablest and most esteemed citizens of Philadelphia, and its Faculty embraces Professors of both sexes, of established reputation.

We are not of those who believe in equality of men and women, a monstrous idea based on unsexing the latter. Each has its separate province, and each in its proper sphere is superior to the other. The practice of medicine demands many qualities which are common to both sexes, and some in which our sisters are our superiors. Memory, rapid and accurate perceptive faculties, patience, delicacy of touch, sympathy, the art of securing confidence—these are the requisites for a physician, and that women generally have them, in high degree, and capable of vast development, cannot be denied.

The lustre which surrounds the great names which adorn the history of medicine, is not diminished by the fact that among them are found those of Mesdames Bouvin, La Chapelle, Chaumonot and others, names of so high authority in regard to the diseases of women and children, as to be quoted by Valperr, Simpson, Dewees, and writers generally. Professor Meigs declares in his recent work, that he relies more upon Madame Bouvin than upon any body else.

The introduction into this speciality of male practitioners, dates only from the corrupt age of Louis XV, when the fashion was set by La Valicre, his mistress. The Jews, Greeks, Romans, and indeed the whole world, until within a comparatively recent period, relied implicitly and securely
on women to attend women. It may well be doubted whether we are wiser than our ancestors, and whether the serious consequences which have sometimes resulted from the abuse of professional confidence, does not demand a general restoration of the former practice, proved to be safe, and the sure shield of that delicacy which gives to woman her chiefest charm.—Westmoreland Republican, Greensburg, Pa.)

THE FEMALE MEDICAL COLLEGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.—We have looked somewhat carefully over the Valedictory Address of Professor Emeline H. Cleveland to the last graduating class of this Institution. It is published by the special request of the corporators, among whom are such names as M. W. Baldwin, Thomas Brainerd, D. D., F. J. Drake, Wm. S. Pierce, and others of equal standing.

Professor Cleveland, in her address, speaks of the steady progress made in recognizing the standing and services of female physicians. The Philadelphia County Medical Society had, indeed, adopted stringent resolutions against the whole class, and against those who consulted with them, or favored their enterprise. But she is happy to chronicle the fact, that not only may members of this Society consult with women and their instructors, "but those of them belonging to the professional aristocracy of our professionally proud city, may request such consultations." She hears "most flattering accounts of the reception given in London to an American lady now prosecuting her studies in that city." Drs. Carpenter and Druitt formally recognize her degree, and she is admitted freely to visit in some of the best London hospitals.

Without entering upon the question of the expediency of introducing female physicians, it is clear that females have that delicacy, tact, kindness and quiet, which make them incomparable as nurses: and the instances of Florence Nightingale, the Sisters of Charity, and the Deaconesses of Kaiserwerth show how safely and successfully their
practice in this regard may be formed into a profession.—
Can it be such a serious problem to advance from this
ground to that of the medical profession itself? Or would
not the profession be refined, and rendered more efficient and
acceptable by such an accession to its ranks?—(American
Presbyterian and Genesee Evangelist, 1334 Chestnut St.,
Philadelphia.)

MEDICAL EDUCATION OF WOMEN.—That women shall be
permitted to do what they can do well, is hardly an open
question any more in this country, such is the progress of
the past ten years.

We have been led away from our subject, and yet what
we have written has a direct bearing upon it. The preju-
dice against the study of medicine by women is fast disap-
pearing, though the propriety of their practising it is still
doubted. It must, however, be brought to the above test,
and whether a woman shall practise medicine or not, depends
upon her fitness for it. Most people will admit that there
is an evident propriety in her ministering to women and
children. A woman has qualities both of mind and of
heart, which eminently qualify her for some of the most
delicate duties of the physician.

Whether she shall practise this calling, and to what ex-
tent, time will discover: but one great obstacle to her ob-
taining an education in this country—the necessity of at-
tending upon the colleges for males, where she is pretty
sure to meet unpleasant things if not vulgar people—is re-
moved now that female medical colleges are established. We
have before us the announcement for the fourteenth annual
session of the College in Philadelphia, devoted exclusively
to women, and the valedictory address to the graduating class
by Mrs. E. H. Cleveland, one of the professors. She is a
lady of fine proficiency in her profession, and has cultivated
herself by travel and study abroad, wherever opportunity
is offered for a woman to inquire into the science of medi-
cine. With an excellently balanced mind, and a broad
philanthropic spirit, she is one of the ablest of the faculty of her college, which enjoys a good reputation. We desire to direct to it the attention of women who are inclined to pursue the study of medicine for any purpose whatever. Even if never practised as a public calling, it is the most valuable education a woman can have.—(Evening Press, Hartford, Conn.)

We have received a copy of the "Valedictory Address to the Graduating Class of the Female Medical College, Pennsylvania," by Mrs. Emeline H. Cleveland, M. D. It is an able production, and we are glad to learn that the institution is in so flourishing a condition. This College is doing a good work in the education of females for the medical profession, and we wish it success.—(Cape Ann Advertiser, Gloucester, Mass.)

Female College.—We have received an able Valedictory Address to the graduating class of the Pennsylvania Female Medical College, delivered on the 14th of March, by Emeline H. Cleveland, M. D., in Philadelphia. This occasion was the Eleventh Annual Commencement, which shows it as being an established institution. Everybody should study physiology; and why females should be excluded from the medical profession we have never understood. If any of our fair friends wish to communicate with the lecturer, they can do so by the following address. Mrs. E. H. Cleveland, M. D., Woman's Hospital, North College Avenue, Philadelphia.—(The Jefferson Star, Brookeville, Penna.)

Female Medical College of Pennsylvania.—The Fourteenth Annual Session of this Institution will commence October 14th, 1863, and continue five months. This is the best institution of the kind in the country. We are glad to learn it is in a flourishing condition. Communications should be addressed to Mrs. E. H. Cleveland, M. D., Philadelphia.—(Tiffin Weekly Tribune, Tiffin, Ohio.)
THE FEMALE MEDICAL COLLEGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.—The Eleventh Annual Commencement of this College was held in Philadelphia on the 14th ult., when the degree of Doctor of Medicine was conferred by the President, T. Morris Perot, Esq., upon Sarah J. McCormack, of New York, Jerusha M. McCravy, of Indiana, and Frances Amelia Cook, of California. The Valedictory Address on the occasion, by Emeline H. Cleveland, M. D., is an able, instructive and highly finished production. The College has met with considerable opposition, but it seems that the Faculty and Corporators work on in the faith that the ripe time for women to study and pracitce medicine has come. The next session of the Institution will commence October 14th, 1863, and continue five months.—(Reading Gazette and Democrat, Reading, Pa.)

We are in receipt of the Valedictory Address to the Graduating Class of the Medical College of Pennsylvania, by Emeline H. Cleveland, M. D. It is an able and comprehensive vindication of the right of women to enter the medical profession. The college which she represents is doing a noble work, and we hope to learn at each successive Commencement, of continued additions to the graduating classes. All letters for information, addressed to Mrs. E. H. Cleveland, will receive prompt attention.—(Waterford Sentinel, Waterford, Saratoga Co., N. Y.)

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We have received a copy of the Valedictory Address of Prof. Emeline H. Cleveland, to the Graduating Class of the Female Medical College of Pennsylvania, together with the Fourteenth Annual Announcement. This College, we are informed, is in a prosperous condition, the course of instruction is thorough, and the lectures are given by those only who have thoroughly prepared themselves in all the principles. We commend this Institution to all of our lady-friends who wish to acquire the requisite knowledge for practice, or even if they do not wish to practise, they can still have the benefit of the Institution. The address of Prof. Cleveland is replete with sound advice to the class, and contains many suggestions that may be beneficial to all practitioners, and from which we will try to make some extracts next week.—(The Peru Republican, Peru, Miami Co., Ind.)

Valedictory Address before the Graduating Class of the Female Medical College of Pennsylvania, at the Eleventh Annual Commencement, by Emeline H. Cleveland, M. D.

This address recounts the difficulties attending the attempt of women to enter the various professions, and especially that of medicine, and congratulates the women of America, that, at last, the way is open for them to enter the profession of medicine, one for which they are peculiarly fitted. It has been a matter of regret with us, that professional prejudice has prevented woman from entering spheres in which she is naturally qualified to move, and are glad to see that, at last, an opening is made for them. The Female Medical College of Pennsylvania was instituted eleven years ago, and although its operations were attended with innumerable difficulties, and combated by prejudice, we are happy to state that it is now in a flourishing condition, and presents an opening to the women of our country that should be improved.—(Hancock Courier, Findlay, Ohio.)
We have received the Valedictory Address to the Graduating Class of the Female College of Pennsylvania, delivered at its Eleventh Annual Commencement, March 14, 1863, by Emeline H. Cleveland, M. D., Professor of Obstetrics and Diseases of Women and Children. Accompanying this, we have an announcement of the Fourteenth Annual Session, to commence October 14, 1863, and continue five months; a statement of the fees for tuition, and the names of the Faculty and other officers. For years a Medical College at which ladies could gain a knowledge of certain branches of the healing art, had been a great desideratum, and the fact that certain ladies would study this profession, doubtless led to the establishment of colleges on purpose to supply this deficiency. We remember the difficulty which Miss Elizabeth Blackwell experienced, in gaining admission as a student to the advantages of such an Institution. As a failure was made, in the application at Philadelphia, another effort was made at Geneva Medical College, and by a vote of the students, admission was gained by the first lady at that and perhaps any other institution of the kind in the land. In due time this woman graduated, at which time there was no little interest manifested at the old College upon the hillside, by the citizens of that beautiful village, in having thus been honored with the giving of a diploma to a lady.—(Medina Gazette, Medina, Ohio.)

PENNSYLVANIA FEMALE MEDICAL COLLEGE.—We have received the Valedictory Address of Emeline H. Cleveland, M. D., delivered at the 11th Annual Commencement of the above Institution, March 14th, 1863. We are glad to learn of the increasing success of the institution, in accomplishing the objects of its founders, viz.: to afford the means of thorough medical education to women. The Faculty say in their announcement, that "the widening demand for their professional services, and the position accorded to the capable among them, as well as the peculiar adaptation which
experience proves them to possess for many departments of medicine, afford additional evidence that the ripe time for women to study and practise medicine has fully come.” The College has a Hospital attached, for Diseases of Women and Children, in which more than 1,500 cases were treated last year.—(Highland Weekly News, Hillsborough, Highland Co., Ohio.)

PENNSYLVANIA FEMALE MEDICAL COLLEGE.—We have received a copy of the announcement of the Fourteenth Session of the Female Medical College, of Pennsylvania, together with the Valedictory Address of Emeline H. Cleveland, M. D. The address is an eloquent one, evincing a strong and well disciplined mind. It is full of practical instruction, and shows that the female intellect is susceptible of the highest cultivation. We are pleased to record the success of the Institution, and as it is mainly supported by voluntary contributions, we commend it to our lady readers, as eminently worthy of their consideration.—(Montour American, Danville, Pa.)

FEMALE MEDICAL COLLEGE.—We have received a copy of the Valedictory Address to the graduating class of the Female Medical College of Pennsylvania, at the Eleventh Annual Commencement, March 14, 1863. It was delivered by Mrs. E. H. Cleveland, M. D., one of the Professors of the institution. A hospital is connected with this college, where, during the year ending on the day above written, more than fifteen hundred patients, in its in-door and out-door departments, were treated. Mrs. Cleveland’s address is alike creditable to her and to the institution.—(National Anti-Slavery Standard, New York.)

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