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# TRUSTEES.

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## Massachusetts.

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| GEN. JOHN S. TYLER . . . . .                      | ”                            |
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## LADY-MANAGERS.

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## PROFESSORS.

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ENOCH C. ROLFE, M.D., Theory and Practice of Medicine.

JOHN K. PALMER, M.D., *Materia Medica*, Therapeutics, and Chemistry.

WM. SYMINGTON BROWN, M.D., Anatomy and Surgery.

STEPHEN TRACY, M.D., Obstetrics, and Diseases of Women and Children.

WM. SYMINGTON BROWN, M.D., Physiology, Hygiene, and Medical Jurisprudence.

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MARY R. JENKS, M.D., Demonstrator of Anatomy.

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### THE ANNUAL TERM.

The Eleventh Annual Term will commence on the first Wednesday of November, 1858, and continue seventeen weeks. This is the period of the year fixed for the future terms.

The Introductory Lecture will be delivered at 3 o'clock, P.M., on the Wednesday commencing the term; and the Graduating Exercises will take place at 3 o'clock, P.M., on the seventeenth Wednesday, closing the term.

### F E E S.

For each of the six Tickets, \$5. Graduation Fee, \$10.

### INSTRUCTION DURING VACATION.

Students connected with the College, or preparing to enter it, can receive instruction from the Professors on moderate terms. They can recite at the College Rooms, and thus have the benefit of the apparatus and library.

### T E X T - B O O K S.

The pupils can select from the following, preference being given to the first-named in each branch: *Anatomy*, Wilson, Horner, Quain and Sharpey. *Physiology*, Carpenter, Kirkes and Paget, Müller. *Obstetrics*, Meigs, Dewees, Chally. *Diseases of Women and Children*, Meigs, Churchill, Condie, Madames Boivin and Lachappelle. *Theory and Practice*, Wood, Watson, Dunglison. *Materia Medica*, Pereira, Royle, United-States Dispensatory. *Surgery*, Drullit, Cooper, Fergusson. *Medical Jurisprudence*, Taylor. *Chemistry*, Prof. Wm. Symington Brown, Silliman, Turner; Christison or Taylor on Poisons. *Medical Dictionaries*, Dunglison, Hooper, Gardner.

### REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION AND GRADUATION.

Applicants for admission must present satisfactory testimonials of character, and possess a good English education. The candidates for the Degree of Doctor of Medicine must have pursued medical studies three years, 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. The Thesis must be read and defended before the Faculty, if required; and it 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.

BOARD can be had in the city for \$2.50 to \$4 a week, according to accommodations. Students, who desire it, will be assisted in obtaining suitable boarding-places.

### A P P L I C A T I O N S.

Persons wishing to enter the Institution, on the State Scholarships or otherwise, or to obtain any information respecting it, can apply, personally or by letter, to the Secretary, Dr. Gregory, at the College, 274, Washington Street, Boston.



## STUDENTS.

## TERM OF 1857-58.

|                                  |                                      |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| JANE F. ADAMS, Lawrence.         | ELIZABETH P. JENKINS, Charlestown.   |
| LYDIA S. ANDREWS, Charlestown.   | BESSIE S. LOCKWOOD, Boston.          |
| ANNA S. ANGELL, Providence, R.I. | GEORGINA NEWCOMB, Quincy.            |
| HANNAH G. ARNOLD, Sheldonville.  | LOUISA PARKER, Boston.               |
| EMILY N. BELDEN, Lenox.          | SUSAN A. RAND, Nantucket.            |
| MARTHA B. BRIGGS, New Bedford.   | ELIZABETH J. VAILE, W. Kendall, N.Y. |
| ALMIRA FIFIELD, Valparaiso, Ind. | SARAH E. WARFIELD, Holliston.        |
| MARY ANN HARRIS, Boston.         | SARAH D. WESTON, Salem.              |
| PRISCILLA W. HARRISON, Roxbury.  | SARAH A. WETHERBEE, Charlestown.     |
| MARY A. B. HOMER, Brimfield.     | MARY WRIGHT, Eagleville, Ohio.       |

## GRADUATES.

## CLASS OF 1857-58.

The Degree of M.D. was conferred upon the following-named Graduates, at the close of the last Term:—

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| ANNA SARAH ANGELL . . . . .         | Providence, R.I.   |
| EMILY NORTON BELDEN . . . . .       | Lenox.             |
| ELIZABETH JOSEPHINE VAILE . . . . . | West Kendall, N.Y. |
| SARAH ELIZABETH WARFIELD . . . . .  | Holliston.         |
| MARY WRIGHT . . . . .               | Eagleville, Ohio.  |

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 of the sick can attend such lectures as will aid them in their duties; 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.—Mrs. Anna Goulding, who has for more than seven years been a very devoted and successful agent of the College in collecting funds, still acts in that capacity. Her residence is No. 5, Central Court, from 240, Washington Street.

Moses Mellen, Esq., at the request of the Trustees, is also engaged in obtaining subscriptions and donations for the College, and particularly for the Building Fund. His residence is 42, Pinckney Street.

These agents have written certificates of their authority from the Board of Trustees; as will others who may be appointed.



## THE COURSES OF LECTURES.

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### THEORY AND PRACTICE.

Prof. Rolfe will present a concise but comprehensive view of the present state of his department. The first half of the term is devoted to general principles and pathology. The remainder of the course is taken up with a description (as full as the limits permit) of particular diseases, and the most approved modes of treatment.

In connection with other facilities for the study of diseases, a Weekly Clinic will be brought to the aid of this department.

TEXT BOOKS. — Wood, Watson, Dunglison.

### MATERIA MEDICA, THERAPEUTICS, AND CHEMISTRY.

Prof. Palmer will devote the first half of his course to explaining the principles of Modern Chemistry, by illustrations and experiments. More particular attention will be paid to Organic Chemistry, and those branches of this science connected with Materia Medica and Pharmacy. He will occupy the remainder of the Term in giving the natural and commercial history of the most important medicinal agents, illustrating his descriptions by samples of genuine and spurious drugs, drawings, dried specimens, &c., and will treat of their therapeutic action upon the human system.

TEXT BOOKS. — *Materia Medica*, Pereira; *Chemistry*, W. S. Brown.

### ANATOMY AND SURGERY.

This course, delivered by Prof. Brown, embraces both Descriptive and Surgical Anatomy, and will be illustrated by a large collection of preparations, including several Parisian manikins and models, but principally by actual dissections. The minor surgical operations will be performed before the class, and opportunities afforded to advanced students to perform them on the recent subject. Examinations every Wednesday.

TEXT BOOKS. — *Anatomy*, Wilson; *Surgery*, Druitt.



## OBSTETRICS AND DISEASES OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

The lectures in this department, by Prof. Tracy, will be made as *practical* as possible, and, whenever it can be done, will be fully illustrated, for which ample means are provided.

TEXT BOOKS. — *Obstetrics*, Meigs, Chailly; *Diseases of Women and Children*, Meigs, Condie.

## PHYSIOLOGY, HYGIENE, AND MEDICAL JURISPRUDENCE.

This course will be delivered by the Professor of Anatomy. In the early part of the Term, special attention will be devoted to the Chemistry and Physiology of Nutrition; and the remainder of the time will be occupied in the discussion of the other branches of the subject.

The Lectures on Medical Jurisprudence will embrace details of cases; those in the department of Toxicology will be illustrated by experiments.

TEXT BOOKS. — *Physiology*, Carpenter, Kirkes; *Medical Jurisprudence*, Taylor.

## FREE WEEKLY CLINIC.

To afford the students practical knowledge, arrangements have been made for holding a Clinic (for women and children) every Wednesday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, at the College Rooms. Patients are invited to come, and are assured that their cases will meet with the most careful attention. The Clinic will commence on Wednesday, Sept. 8, 1858, and will be open to respectable lady practitioners, who are requested to aid in spreading a knowledge of its advantages.

## FREE SCHOLARSHIPS.

A number of scholarships, securing free tuition to students from different counties of the State, are provided by the Legislature.

## R E P O R T.

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·THOUGH the NEW-ENGLAND FEMALE MEDICAL COLLEGE has felt the effects of the prevailing embarrassments of the business-world the past year, it has gone forward with a good degree of success in its educational operations. In addition to the regular term of medical instruction, familiar lectures, illustrated by the extensive and valuable apparatus, have been given to about five hundred ladies at the College Rooms; thereby diffusing useful knowledge among women, and interesting them in the institution and its objects.

The College is becoming more and more a place of resort, and will continue to be a fountain of hygienic knowledge for the female portion of the public, as well as of medical science for physicians. One reason of the increase of interest in this direction is, that familiar and reliable instruction upon delicate topics of anatomy, physiology, health, and disease, may now be obtained from lady-lecturers, — graduates of the College, — who are acquiring experience in lecturing, as well as skill in practice. As there was no educated woman-physician in the country when this movement commenced, a number of years had to elapse before this want of female helpers was even partially supplied. It is an encouraging fact also, that the graduates of the Institution, scattered in different States of the Union, are giving practical evidence of its usefulness, and thereby enlisting friends in its behalf; and each succeeding year will increase the number of those who will thus honor and cherish their *Alma Mater*.

*New-England Female Medical Society.* — Among other agencies for promoting the success of female physicians, and aiding the cause, the Society of the above name, composed of graduates of this and other medical colleges, is likely to perform efficient service. The Society dates its origin from the 4th of March, 1857, when the seven ladies who took their degree of M.D. at the New-England Female Medical College formed themselves into an association for



mutual improvement in reference to their profession. On the 1st of April, 1858, they met, and adopted their present name and amended Constitution; of which the following are some of the articles: "2d, The object of this Society is to aid and encourage its members in the attainment of medical knowledge. 3d, Any graduate, from this or any other legally constituted medical college, may become a member of this Society by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any regular meeting thereof. 4th, The officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, to be chosen annually by ballot; a majority of the votes cast being necessary for an election." The annual meeting of the Society is to be held in Boston, on the annual Graduation Day of the College. This Society now numbers eighteen members. The officers are Mary R. Jenks, M.D., *President*; Frances S. Cooke, M.D., *Vice-President*; Anna Inman, M.D., *Secretary*; Susan R. Capen, M.D., *Treasurer*.

A good beginning has thus been made; and, at no distant period of time, the Association will doubtless number its hundreds of members. These, in their various fields of professional service, will accumulate facts, statistics, and observations, and bring them into the common fund. Annual documents will be issued, and medical volumes be published, for the benefit of the profession and the public.

In former Reports, allusion has been made to the subject of physiological and hygienic instruction in public schools, and the fact that this College might serve as a normal school to qualify female teachers for that branch of instruction. A commencement has been made in this matter, though not in just the manner suggested; as the College sent a lecturer and apparatus to the teachers, instead of their coming to the College. In April last, the Principal of the State Normal School at Salem, — Prof. Alpheus Crosby, — with the approval of the "Visitors," members of the Board of Education, made an arrangement to have a short course of lectures delivered to the young ladies of the school, — about a hundred in number.

In reference to these lectures, the Principal, in an article in the "Salem Gazette," says, "An interesting and valuable course of lectures on anatomy, physiology, and health, was given, during the last week, to the young ladies of the Normal School, by Miss Frances S. Cooke, M.D., an instructor in the New-England Female Medical College. These lectures were abundantly illustrated by selections from the excellent apparatus of the College. . . . These



illustrations were admirably adapted to give that definiteness of idea and accuracy of knowledge, respecting the wonderful organism of the human frame, which are so important for teachers, and so difficult to obtain from even the best descriptions or pictorial representations."

As being the first step in this direction, and likely to be followed by others, this is a matter of special interest. A course of such lectures ought to be given to the young ladies in the different normal schools each term. As the State has generously aided the College, if the College can, in return, benefit the State through the normal schools, as well as by supplying female physicians for the public, it will be especially gratifying to the Trustees and patrons of the Institution. In time, each normal school may be provided with anatomical apparatus, and a lady physician as one of its teachers. This should also be the case with female seminaries. It would be better to omit almost any other branch of knowledge than that upon which health, success, and life itself, may depend.

It hardly needs to be stated, that the financial pressure of the past year has rendered the collection of funds next to impracticable. Hence it has been thought better to draw upon reserved funds than to press the business of collecting, while so many of the public could hardly sustain themselves, and provide for the immediate wants of the suffering. In consequence, however, of the improving condition of the financial world, an effort is now to be made to raise

#### A \$50,000 BUILDING FUND.

This Institution having for about ten years continued its operations, with limited accommodations, in hired apartments, is now in special need of an establishment of its own, including a college and a hospital for women and children: the object of the latter being to provide female patients, of various descriptions, with the attendance of accomplished and skilful physicians of their own sex; to afford the pupils practical knowledge of their professional duties; to aid in training nurses of the sick; and to accommodate the public, mainly as a charitable institution.

The Trustees, therefore, propose to make an effort to raise the sum of *Fifty Thousand Dollars* for the object; and they respectfully and confidently appeal to the public to furnish them the means of accomplishing this important undertaking. As soon as one-half of the sum is raised, they can contract for some existing edifice, or commence erecting one, and continue collecting the remaining



twenty-five thousand dollars. The following is the form of a subscription-paper to be used:—

“ We, the undersigned, agree to pay to the New-England Female Medical College the sums affixed to our names, towards a fund of fifty thousand dollars, to be exclusively devoted to purchasing a suitable lot of land, and erecting thereon a building or buildings for a college and a hospital for women and children; or purchasing a site with a building already erected, and increasing the library, anatomical and chemical apparatus, and providing the necessary furniture and fixtures; it being expressly understood, that no subscriber is to be called upon to pay until the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars shall have been secured for the purpose by donations or responsible subscriptions.”

The city owns a building on Springfield Street (at the South End), which would very well answer the purpose. It was erected for a lying-in hospital, but has been closed for about two years. The lot of land, in the centre of which it stands, is a square of forty-thousand feet, — near an acre. The estate was purchased of the Hospital Corporation for the sum of forty-five thousand dollars. The Trustees of the College have petitioned the city government to make them a conditional offer of the estate at that price.

Should it be objected that so valuable an estate ought not to be sold at so low a price, it will be borne in mind that the city has been accustomed to aid charitable institutions (and this is chiefly such) by furnishing land at part price. A lot at the South End was sold to the Home for Aged Females for fifteen cents a foot; and this very Hospital lot was sold to the corporation for about half its value at the time.

It is a matter of some importance to the city to number among its institutions this Medical College and accompanying Hospital. Students will resort to it in large numbers from the New England and other States. It will, in due time, possess ample funds and endowments, the income of which will here be disbursed; and the hospital department will accommodate lying-in and other patients, that might otherwise need to be sustained at the public expense. There is at present no hospital for women and children in the city: and perhaps one could not be sustained alone; but it might be in connection with the College, it being an indispensable branch of that Institution. The city government *might* therefore be justified in *giving* this estate to the College.

The Trustees, however, without waiting for the action of the city government, will go forward in raising the building fund, which, according to the terms of the subscription-paper, can be used to purchase the above-named estate, should opportunity be offered, or to purchase or erect another building.



Public-spirited individuals desirous to aid in making up this sum, or to assist in sustaining the general expenses of the College, will oblige by signifying it to the Treasurer, Secretary, or any other member of the Board of Trustees.

The subscription-paper, copied above, has been headed by Mrs. Jas. Arnold, of New Bedford, with the sum of \$1,000, which, of her own accord, she paid at the time, without waiting for the \$25,000 to be secured. Other sums, of smaller amount, have been subscribed.

When the College shall have been provided with a permanent and commodious establishment of its own, including the educational and hospital departments, it will be the more frequent recipient of donations and legacies of large amount to sustain its operations. Intimations have already been given of intended endowments.

#### SCHOLARSHIPS AND PROFESSORSHIPS.

The Legislature of 1854 appropriated \$1,000 a year, for five years, to provide free tuition for forty students annually, from the different counties of the State, during that time. The annual average number of these students for the past four years has been 23. Though the last \$1,000 of the grant will be received in 1859, the unappropriated scholarships will continue open till all are taken up.

The amount annually paid for each scholarship is but twenty-five dollars; and, though this secures free tuition, many have been unable to avail themselves of it on account of inability to meet other expenses, — board, books, &c. Whoever may make some permanent provision for sustaining intelligent and deserving women of limited means through a course of education in the College will perform an act of practical philanthropy.

Professorships also need to be endowed: \$10,000 would be sufficient for each. This would enable the College to give to many worthy students tuition without charge, or at a very low rate.\*

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\* LIBERAL BEQUESTS TO THE COLLEGE. — Since this Report was in type, Hon. JOHN WADE, of Woburn, deceased July 9, has left real estate in Boston, valued at above \$20,000, as a perpetual fund, the net income of which (now over \$2,000 a year) is to be annually paid to the College "for the support and medical education of worthy and moral indigent females." He has also given \$10,000, to be hereafter paid, when certain property shall have increased to that amount, for the purpose of endowing a Professorship in the College. The "Wade Scholarship Fund" (as it will doubtless be named by the Trustees) will be available to Students of the term commencing in November, 1859.

It will be obvious to all that there will now be a more urgent necessity for providing the BUILDING, in order to accommodate the larger number of Students who will resort to the Institution in consequence of this noble endowment.



## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

The Trustees express their thanks for the following donations of books from the persons named:—

LEMUEL SHATTUCK, Boston:— The American Journal of Medical Sciences, 28 vols.; Reece's Gazette of Health, 14 vols.; Transactions of the American Medical Association, 4 vols.; Communications of the Massachusetts Medical Society, 5 vols.; Good's Study of Medicine; Elliotson's Human Physiology; Marshall Hall's Practice of Medicine; and 54 other volumes of useful works, and 143 pamphlets on medical and sanitary subjects, &c.; also 60 copies of the Report of the Sanitary Commission of Massachusetts, by Lemuel Shattuck (a valuable work of 544 pages), to be presented to the graduates of the College.

GOULD AND LINCOLN, Boston:— Comparative Anatomy, by Seibold & Stan-  
nius; The Natural History of the Human Species, by Lieut. Col. Charles Hamilton  
Smith, with an Introduction by S. Kneeland, Jr., M.D.

TICKNOR AND FIELDS, Boston:— Elements of General Pathology, by A. F.  
Chromel, translated from the French by F. E. Oliver, M.D., and W. W. Morland,  
M.D.; Treatise on Epidemic Cholera, by Ambroise Tardieu; Tuson's Dissector's  
Guide, with Additions by Winslow Lewis, Jr., M.D.; Rigby's Obstetric Memoranda.

J. SULLIVAN WARREN, Boston:— A volume of the large illustrated work on  
"The Mastodon Giganteus of North America, by John C. Warren, M.D."

A FRIEND:— The Diseases of Women, by Francis Mauriceau, translated by  
Hugh Chamberlen, M.D., London, 1710; Churchill's Diseases of Females.

In closing this Ninth Annual Report, it may be remarked, that, though much of heavy and patient labor remains to be performed, the steady and permanent progress of the enterprise thus far affords ample assurance, that, with the blessing of Providence, its success will be complete. The object commends itself to the intelligent, judicious, and benevolent. It is no visionary scheme of social improvement, but the plain and practical matter of properly qualifying a class of women for the very appropriate duty of relieving sickness and suffering, and of rendering all, so far as may be, the intelligent, as they are the natural, guardians of the physical well-being of society.

Such being its claims, the interests of the Institution are confidently commended to its patrons, to whom this Report is respectfully presented.

Per order of the Trustees,

SAMUEL GREGORY, *Secretary.*

Boston, July 3, 1858.



## TREASURER'S REPORT.

[In consequence of a change in the By-laws, requiring the Treasurer's account to be made up to the first Wednesday of September, one month before the Annual Meeting, this account includes but eleven months.]

**R**ecipts.

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| Balance from old Account . . . . .  | \$2,500.00         |
| Second Annual Instalment of the State Grant of \$10,000 in 1855 . . . . .                   | 2,500.00           |
| Donation from Mrs. Louisa Waterhouse, towards endowing a Professorship of Anatomy . . . . . | 1,000.00           |
| Donations and Fees of Annual and Life Patrons . . . . .                                     | 4,071.60           |
| Interest from Funds invested . . . . .  | 252.00             |
| Lecture Fees . . . . .  | 123.97             |
| From State Appropriation for Scholarships . . . . .   | 750.00             |
| A Balance from Agency Account of the previous year . . . . .                                | 47.27              |
| Receipts from Lecture of Hon. Thomas H. Benton, in Tremont Temple . . . . .                 | 145.87             |
| For Articles sold . . . . .   | 10.92              |
| A Temporary Loan . . . . .  | 500.00             |
| Total . . . . .   | <u>\$11,901.63</u> |

**E**xpenses.

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| Paid Professors . . . . .   | \$1,091.00         |
| Employment of Agents . . . . .  | 788.77             |
| A Balance due on previous Agency Account . . . . .  | 285.58             |
| Anatomical and Chemical Apparatus . . . . .   | 766.35             |
| Rent . . . . .  | 674.00             |
| Printing and binding 10,000 copies of Annual Report and 5,000 Pamphlets, Printing Circulars, &c. . . . .                      | 532.00             |
| Advertising . . . . .   | 354.16             |
| Designing, Copperplate Engraving, and Parchments for Diploma . . . . .  | 107.80             |
| Help employed about the College Establishment . . . . .   | 73.09              |
| Fuel, Gas, Stove, and Stove Furniture . . . . .   | 97.43              |
| Materials and Articles used in Instruction and for other purposes . . . . .   | 41.08              |
| Furniture . . . . .   | 30.00              |
| Expenses, Telegraphs, &c. . . . .   | 15.46              |
| Fares and other Travelling Expenses of the Secretary . . . . .  | 82.38              |
| Postage on Reports, Pamphlets, and Letters . . . . .  | 70.06              |
| Stationery, &c. . . . .   | 30.62              |
| Use of Tremont Temple . . . . .   | 50.00              |
| Interest . . . . .  | 21.50              |
| Miscellaneous . . . . .   | 36.08              |
| Secretary's Salary, eleven months . . . . .   | 550.00             |
| Balance towards arrears of Secretary's Salary . . . . .   | 204.27             |
| Funds on hand, being the two State Instalments of \$2,500 each, and Mrs. Waterhouse's donation of \$1,000, invested . . . . . | 6,000.00           |
| Total . . . . .   | <u>\$11,901.63</u> |

BOSTON, Sept. 2, 1857.

JOHN P. JEWETT, *Treasurer.*

Examined, and found to be correct.

B. C. CLARK, *Auditor.*



## LIFE PATRONS,

BY THE PAYMENT OF TWENTY DOLLARS OR MORE.

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## ANDOVER.

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Stowe, Calvin E.  
Stowe, Mrs. H. Beecher.

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Rockwood, Dexter.

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Smith, John.

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Adams, Paul.  
Adams, William.  
Amory, Charles.  
Amory, Thomas C.  
Amory, William.  
Appleton, Nathan.  
\*Appleton, Samuel.  
Atkins, Isaiah.  
Bacon, Thomas C.  
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Barnes, Thomas P.  
Bartlett, Levi.  
Blanchard, John A.  
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If the sick-bed is the peculiar province of woman's duty, how much more useful will she be there, not only as a ministering angel, but as the enlightened, skilful physician! This she can only become through the same means of instruction which are necessary for masculine M.D.'s. We wish that those who are giving of their abundance to such institutions as well-endowed Harvard and other kindred colleges would remember also the wants of this most necessary and valuable institution for women. — *Exeter (N.H.) News-Letter*.

This is certainly an encouraging commencement of a great work, — a work broader in reality than its primary object would seem to indicate. The education of females for the medical profession will prove the vestibule through which the sex will step into a sphere of wider and higher usefulness, and must result in a higher mental and moral development of the whole race.

The facilities offered to females by this College for obtaining a thorough medical education should be known all over the country. There are doubtless many young women who would avail themselves of its advantages, were they made acquainted with them; and it is one of the deplorable evils of society, as it exists at present, that a large class of females have no suitable employment.

For some departments of the medical profession at least, nature has peculiarly fitted the sex. It is fortunate that the public mind begins to feel the mission of woman to be in that direction. Let her, then, perceiving this tide in the affairs of women, take it at its flood, and go forth to bless the world with her ministrations. — *Cambridge Chronicle*.

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This is a most excellent work; and it ought to have a wide circulation among the women of our country. Copies of it may be had at the College.

“The Mother and Her Offspring” contains a great deal of valuable matter which every mother ought to know, and which few are familiar with. The work, as a whole, has great merit, and deserves a place among those productions which mark the progress of the present age. — Prof. R. D. MUSSEY, M.D., *Cincinnati, Ohio*.

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# FEMALE MEDICAL EDUCATION.

## Testimony of Editors and others.

The successful experiment in this country has attracted the attention of the most liberal in other lands, and the example will soon be widely imitated. There are many, who, if their attention was directed to this subject, could fit themselves for great usefulness, besides acquiring that information so gratifying and valuable to every thoughtful mind. — *Zion's Herald*.

We commend this Report to the notice of our readers as showing the importance of this excellent institution. It has already effected great good, and promises still more for the future. — *Christian Witness*.

The College is in a flourishing condition, and well deserves aid and sympathy from all friends of humanity. — *Bangor Jeffersonian*.

There are many cases where women are the natural and proper administrators of medical and surgical relief; and it is somewhat astonishing that the propriety of educating females to a knowledge of the medical practice has not been insisted upon, instead of being slowly brought into notice. We know, from our own observation, that women may do much for the promotion of health among their own sex, if properly educated, as they may be. — *New-Haven Register*.

It is among their own sex that their practice will be mostly pursued, and there they are immensely needed. Many female constitutions are destroyed and great suffering is endured because of their repugnance to making known their afflictions to physicians of the other sex. — *New-Haven Palladium*.

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I have often said, and long felt, that the medical profession was incomplete without medically educated women to go hand in hand with the regular physician, and often to supply his place in the treatment of complaints peculiar to the female sex. — Hon. THOMAS H. BENTON.

I am happy to learn that the institution has been slowly but surely gaining confidence to itself, till it is no longer a thing of theory, but of fact; and is beginning to exert an influence widely and beneficially felt in the community. I heartily wish it all prosperity and success. — Rev. JOEL HAWES, D.D., *Hartford, Ct.*

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. — Mrs. L. H. SGOURNEY, *Hartford, Ct.*

We have before us the Eighth Report of this useful and very successful institution. . . . The friends of this great reform may well thank God, and take courage. That a class of women will be educated in all medical knowledge, be regularly graduated physicians, have diplomas as broad and strong as their brother physicians, is, in our land, a "fixed fact." — Mrs. SARAH J. HALE, in *Godley's Lady's Book*.

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. — Mrs. S. C. HALL, *London*.

That some departments of medicine are peculiarly suited to women is beginning to strike the public mind. I know that there are enlightened and distinguished physicians both here and in France who take this view of the subject. — Mrs. JAMESON, *London*.