FEMALE PHYSICIANS.

TESTIMONY OF A LADY.

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LADIES,—It seems to me that the question of ladies becoming physicians ought not to be discussed as a means of livelihood for women, but on far higher grounds,—as a mission of mercy towards a class of sufferers far more numerous, and more sadly enduring, and more heroic in their lonely pain, than the world has any idea of. I know that medical men will laugh at this. Knowing, as they do, how much many women confide to them, they suppose that all women, under similar circumstances, would do the same. But here they make an enormous error: they do not know, and it is impossible, from the nature of things, that they can know, what unrelieved physical agony is endured by women, as a less torture than submitting to the mental trial of soliciting a doctor's aid. To me, a lady, and one happening, from circumstances, to have come much in contact with delicate women, this fact is patent enough; perhaps, to others who have happened to have been admitted less deep under the surface of things, it may be credible, when they consider that three-fourths of all the illness that exists is found amongst women and children. It is not to be believed (or else it is, indeed, a bitter irony that speaks of woman as God's latest and most perfect work),—it is not to be believed that woman is endowed by her Maker with a physical organization so much inferior to that of man as needfully to entail upon her all this extra suffering. It does come within the possibility of belief, that the means of cure have not, as yet, been placed available within her reach.

Do not let any one suppose that I write from an exaggerated idea,—from prudery or sentimentalism: I write from lamentable knowledge. My strong feeling is that God's blessing must go with every high-minded woman who enters into the medical profession from a pure love and pity to such brave and hopeless sufferers as those I have alluded to.

Yours truly,

A LOVER OF INVALIDS.

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FOUNDING OF PROFESSORSHIPS.—Ten thousand dollars is the sum required to found a Professorship. The endowment of one (the Wade Professorship) has been provided for. There are five more that need to be founded.

FORM OF A BEQUEST TO THE COLLEGE.—I give and bequeath to the NEW-ENGLAND FEMALE MEDICAL COLLEGE, incorporated by the Massachusetts Legislature, and located in Boston, the sum of $ , to be applied in promoting the educational and charitable objects of said Institution.