

brave, and intelligent women, possessing a thorough medical education. Let such go forth full of good cheer. Though some *men* may scoff at you; yea, some *women* too, for being out of their sphere; as lacking all feminine graces; yet be assured from the suffering sisters, who shall receive relief at your hands, such heart-spoken words of gratitude shall gladden your spirits, which, when weighed with the former, one shall be as fine gold; the other, as "small dust of the balance."

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## ON THE SIMPLICITY OF THE CONDITIONS CONCERNED IN THE PRODUCTION OF NATURAL PHENOMENA.

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### *Ladies and Gentlemen of the Medical Class:—*

Education has been wisely made the business, the necessity, and yet the pleasure of all rational beings. "Live and learn," is a homely adage, and often thoughtlessly expressed; but in it dwells a recognition of the highest law of finite intelligence. And this is not alone true of the individual. There is an incessant unfolding of power in the race, as a race—a larger education, in which every one, conservative or radical, willing or unwilling, is allotted his daily task. Those who think they are retarding the world's progress—its mad bounds into ultraism, as they opine—are guilty of a most ludicrous mistake. They are the *mules* in the march of progress, it is true; but unlike the staid quadruped whose spirit they emulate, even while they think they stand, they are marching, nevertheless, *up* the eminence, and *with* the grand cavalcade, whose leader's eyes have caught the summit-glories of the distant future! Reflect one moment, and you will clearly see that there is not a crusty, conservative, iron-cased Saxagenarian living, whose views are not to-day a very unmistakable *progress* upon, and *reform* of, what they were twenty or forty years ago!