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THE *Nineteenth Century* for November has an interesting resume of the struggles for recognition of those women who chose to adopt the medical profession in the Mother Country; struggles which have ended after twelve years of uphill work and discouragement in the establishment of a Woman's Medical College in the capital of each of the three kingdoms.

For this country similar facilities have been obtained in less time and through much less trouble, and women have every desirable opportunity to work out their own salvation in any and every line of the surgical art. But while we have such privileges we are wanting in any prohibitory clause to prevent the incapable or unfit from rushing into the profession and bringing discredit

upon all its members. As the writer of the article mentioned, points out, the danger is not now from without, but rather from within. Among women as among men there are too many who adopt the profession merely for its financial benefits, and without a proper realization of the responsibilities imposed, who go through their College curriculum only because it is compulsory, and with shut eyes to every other object than to pass; who halt at every item not likely to be used in examination, and who greedily rush into practice when these are passed, only regretting that they could not have received their degrees by "compend" knowledge in half the time.

The want of general education among medical men has often been deplored with good cause, and the sooner there is a higher standard of matriculation, or a compulsory B.A. course, the better for humanity. True, in this country there is no deflecting from the full course of four years, and we are yet saved the affliction of bought degrees and doctors made by a smattering of medical phrases accumulated in a course of one or two years. But even so the difference between what is and what might be appeals to every intelligent person and to none more than to the best members of the profession itself.

That there should be some tribunal of education or certain regulations based on moral grounds to prevent undesirable persons entering a profession so nearly concerning every individual, seems apparent. If this applies to men it applies equally to women, for what could be said of the harm possible