

application of cold water or cool air increasing the tone of the cutaneous vessels, so that they do not become so much relaxed by heat as to be unable to contract with sufficient force when necessary. The power of regulating the temperature is thus preserved, and the person prevented from catching cold.—*Brit. Med. Journal*.

THE LADY MEDICAL STUDENTS.

Judgment has proved adverse to the lady students at Edinburgh on their appeal to the Court of Session. The tribunal was a very competent one, and the arguments *pro* and *con.* were reviewed with clearness and impartiality. Three of the judges hold, or have held, high offices in the Universities of Scotland, while seven others have taken an active part in academical administration. Our readers will remember that some three years ago the University Court issued regulations under which ladies might be admitted as medical students. Accordingly Miss Jex Blake and six others matriculated after the usual examination; were enrolled as students; and attended the classes which qualify for the first course. A number of the professors, however, in their professional capacity, and as members of the *Senatus Academicus*, declined to teach the ladies any further, or to admit them to graduation. After a good deal of platform and newspaper controversy, the ladies called upon the Chancellor and *Senatus* to defend their procedure before Lord Ordinary Gifford. His lordship pronounced in favour of the appellants; but his decision has been reversed by the second division, after consulting the other judges. Out of the twelve judges, five were in the appellants' favor—a fact which, it is said, will tempt the ladies to appeal to the House of Lords. It seems difficult, however to get rid of the argument that the original constitution of the university did not contemplate the admission of ladies, either to studentship or to graduation. The remedy open to the ladies is surely a sufficiently obvious one. Let them devote the ample funds they have at their disposal, not to fruitless and vexatious litigation, but to the founding of a college of their own, where they may prosecute their medical studies, and qualify for such practice in the disease of women and children as they may prove fit for. Society will respect them the more, and even recognize their claims as qualified nurses and accoucheuses the sooner, if they retire from a useless and not very feminine contest, and seek the attainment of their ambition by means at once legitimate and easy.—*Lancet*.