

in accordance with law, but in violation thereof. It stops not to inquire *how* one obtained qualifications fit to make him a successful healer of diseases, but only *whether* he possesses those qualifications. Quackery lies in pretension, and assumption of ability to do, which facts will not warrant. Who then can exceed in quackery those who, claiming all skill and all knowledge of the healing art, daily exhibit such wide gaps between their assumption and practice as do the alumni of our *regular* Medical Colleges?

A man lifts up his hand and stays disease. "He is a Quack!" cry a thousand throats, because he "followeth not us." "He knows nothing, because he accomplishes a result in a manner not heretofore made and provided. A capital reason! Admirable, impregnable logic! A man dares to think for himself, and puts his thoughts into deeds; he sets out with a theory, and his practice proves the theory *true*; he is a *quack*, because he found the theory true without leave of the doctors. I have in my eye a set of philosophers—*reformers* they call themselves, Ha! Ha!—who have formed themselves into a Medical Society, and made the terms of membership such as would preclude the admission of their founder were he to apply. They insist that thorough Medical Collegiate Education is necessary, yet he has never entered a College. No diploma written in an unknown tongue hangs in his hall, yet great men have visited him and been cured of their diseases. Learned M. D's. have sat at his feet and bowed themselves before his presence. O Nature! great mother of us all! how near at times thou canst come in making asses of men, the world hath abundant knowledge. Far be it from me to derogate from the advantages of Collegiate medical education; all I ask is, that Medical Colleges recognize skill, aptitude, knowledge, ability, frankly, and without condemning them because they have been acquired in an *unauthorized* way. I love Central Medical College therefore, for the reason that it makes the most of a man. It honors his acquirements, and so honors ~~it~~ itself.

But Central Medical College is worthy of our best regards, for its fearlessness in respect to the *admission of women*. It is the first and only College that admits women. Geneva College admitted Miss Blackwell, but has since refused, so that this College stands without a rival. Had I the time, I would like to give you my thoughts at large on this subject, but pressing duties forbid. I can only say that I rejoice in the opportunity thus opened to make of woman what in the sphere of health she ought to be—intelligent and skillful; and can see in the small beginnings of this