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WOMEN DOCTORS.

The cycle of time brings many strange changes. When Elizabeth Blackwell sought admission to a medical college, her request was ridiculed by both men and women the country over. She persisted and made good, and we can point to her name as one which does honor to women and medicine. Gradually women were admitted to the profession. The Eclectic school was particularly liberal toward the woman applicant. But the profession at large viewed her with suspicion and frowned discouragingly upon her venture into the untried paths. Now, after many years, despite the fact that a prominent publication declares she has not made good, the woman physician is accepted by the profession as an equal claimant for the patronage of the people.

The future of medicine for women is more auspicious than ever before. The work that is to be done in industrial and educational institutions and in hospitals gives her an opening that has never been her's before. The various welfare movements throughout this country are going to furnish coveted opportunities for women physicians. There is no reason why the woman physician should not excel in pediatrics. Nor is there any reason why she should not make the needed examinations of women for insurance and other organizations. The refined and tactful woman physician, with a liberal education and good, sound sense, should be able to hold her own in this work, and this is, in fact, what she is doing in many localities. The time has come when there is more and more of a demand for women in the profession and now is the time for competent women to seize the opportunity for preparation.