

Aunt Sarah  
re women's  
medicine

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CAMPO VERDE,  
TIPPER LYNN ROAD,  
EDINBURGH.

Dorne Villa. Grief.  
30<sup>th</sup> April. 1889.

My dear Helen,

I received your letter about the Women's Hospital just before leaving home for this lovely place - where we are spending part of Sid's holidays -

You are quite right in thinking that my sympathies are not with any movement or any subject. I try to lose sight of

The essential difference  
w<sup>ch</sup> God has made  
between men & women.  
~~whose~~ <sup>whose</sup> capabilities of  
Mind & body point to  
different spheres of  
Action for both.

I p<sup>er</sup>sonally be very  
much prieved to send  
for a woman in the  
dead of night - whose  
own condition of health  
might probably be  
such as to make her  
coming through the  
night to me dangerous

to herself - from causes  
wh<sup>ch</sup> do not affect men.  
And in anything  
(unusual) requiring  
strong nerve & muscle  
& calm courage - we  
would prefer a man  
I think to a woman -  
for "God has made them  
so" - just as in  
speaking the less  
power of a woman's  
lungs - indicates (as it  
seems to me -) that she  
was not meant to  
address large audiences.  
But the whole thing  
kings on our apprehensions

of God's intention  
for us. I<sup>d</sup> seems  
to me plain.

Let when first best  
cannot be had - we  
has to be thankful  
for second best. & for  
Guiana work this  
is certainly the  
work of women -

(This even more I wd  
rather they went as  
highly trained Nurses  
than as Medical men.)

So in the hope that  
the Hospital in  
I<sup>d</sup> you are interested  
may be useful to those

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poor women of India  
who are denied the  
higher help of the  
higher being - man -  
and also because  
am glad to help you  
in your begging!  
never pleasant to do.  
I enclose a small  
contribution - w<sup>ch</sup> please  
put down as simply  
- "From a friend to Jewess"  
I am so glad to hear of  
dear Miss Mackinnon  
I know her only slightly  
but her brother well!  
You say you hope the

Climate of India will  
not make her break  
down. Our dear friend  
W. Hudson Taylor has  
formed by sad experience  
that the over-strain  
of Medical study is?

tries strong men even  
has in very many  
instances been the cause  
of irrecoverable collapse  
of medically trained  
women. in China  
His views of the Ruses  
are rather strong on  
this subject.

Excuse a very hasty  
note. I have promised

to be ready for  
a walk & am in  
danger of failure.  
I hope this will be  
in time to catch  
you before you leave  
Sheffield.

With love to all,  
Believe me to be,  
Your affectionate Aunt,  
J. P. Kelley.

P.S. Be reading over I  
am ashamed! but  
hope my note is just  
(barely) intelligible.

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The writer of this letter, Sarah Poulton Kalley, was born 1825, daughter of William Wilson of Nottingham, Torquay & later, Mansfield by his first wife.

(Therefore she was stepaunt of Dr Helen Wilson)  
She married Robert Reid Kalley M.D. in 1852. He had done Protestant mission work in Madeira. ~~In 1855 they~~

From 1855-1876 they were in Brazil doing medical & evangelistic missionary work. After they retired to Edinburgh they both & she after his death kept open house for students of all lands. She did not really approve of 'higher education for women' & tolerated rather than approved the college careers of her nieces, two of whom became doctors.

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