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THE WOMAN F.R.C.S.

Dr. C. Mansell Moulin, as vice-president of the Royal College of Surgeons, has written of Miss Davies-Colley's achievement in gaining the first diploma of F.R.C.S. ever won by a woman:—

"Miss Davies-Colley has achieved a feat of which any man might be proud, and has achieved it in the

face of obstacles which no man has ever had to meet, for of the twelve great hospitals in London, eleven are closed to women. No woman may attend the clinic or follow the teaching of any surgeon at any one of the eleven great general hospitals open to both sexes as patients."

The eminent surgeon goes on to plead that women now being allowed to pay the fees of the College and pass its examinations, yet have no voice on its governing body, an injustice that he thinks should be remedied.

WOMAN SCHOLAR HONOURED.

At a meeting of the trustees of the Beit Memorial Fellowship for Medical Research it is gratifying to note that a woman, Miss Elizabeth Thomson Fraser, has been elected to a Fellowship worth £250, and is placed high on the list of distinguished students.

Miss Fraser qualified M.B., Ch.B. in Glasgow in 1900, M.D. (Honours) in 1903, and her scientific distinctions include a long list of First-Class Honours in various medical subjects, as well as Honours and Bella Houston Gold Medal for M.D. degree.

She has made a number of original contributions already to scientific medical research, and proposes to use her Fellowship grant in making an inquiry into the value of the complement fixation test in tuberculosis as a guide to diagnosis and treatment at the Pathological Institution at the Royal Infirmary in Glasgow.

For five years Miss Fraser has been assistant-bacteriologist to the Glasgow Royal Infirmary, and, previous to that, was a house surgeon in the gynaecological wards there.

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