

WOMEN AND THEIR WORK.

THE Queen has forwarded £100 to the Fund for the Famine in China, and an annual subscription of £50 to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

THE Empress Frederick has accepted an oil painting of violets "in memoriam" of the late Emperor's favourite flower, from Miss Ada Bell, and Count Seckendorff has written to Miss Bell that the Empress is charmed with the little picture, and adds that Her Majesty is a great admirer of Miss Bell's drawings.

LADY DUFFERIN paid a visit on Friday to the Royal Free Hospital, Gray's Inn Road. Her interest in women Doctors in India is well known, and it is at this Institution that the authorities have been far-sighted enough to allow the Students of the Medical School for Women the use of their Hospital for purposes of instruction. It is to be hoped that their liberality is appreciated by a goodly number of fair subscribers.

MRS. ANGIOLA ORTELLI, of 35, Brunswick Square, W.C., who has already helped the Institution by large donations, is devoting herself to the superintendence of the domestic arrangements and expenditure of the first Italian Hospital in London, or in Europe, out of Italy itself, founded by her husband, the Chev. Giovanni B. Ortelli, whose name will be remembered in connection with liberal donations for the relief of the sufferers by the last great earthquake in Italy. The Italian Hospital, though primarily for Italians, is for the benefit of in-door and out-door patients of all nationalities, irrespective of religious or political creed.

MADAME CLEMENCE ROYER, President-Elect of the International Congress of Women, to be held in Paris this year, is the translator into French of Darwin's "Origin of Species."

LADY CADOGAN lately laid the memorial stone of the first section of Sloane Gardens House, Chelsea, which is being erected by the Ladies' Dwellings Company. The object is to supply suitable house accommodation at a reasonable rent to ladies of small incomes, where, while retaining their entire independence, they may live better and with greater economy than in lodging-houses of the ordinary type. The first section will accommodate fifty-five ladies, but applications from three hundred ladies have already been received. When the second section is completed on an adjoining plot of land, there will be provision made for one hundred and fifty ladies.

Two well-attended drawing-room meetings were lately held in support of the Women's Suffrage Bill—one by the permission of Lady Goldsmid, at 13, Portman Square, where Mrs. Fawcett moved a resolution to send memorials to Lord Salisbury and to the members for Marylebone, praying them to support the Bill; a second at 48, Westbourne Terrace, the residence of Sir Owen and Lady Roberts, where a memorial was signed, praying Lord Randolph Churchill, on behalf of the women householders of Paddington, to support the second reading of the Bill on April 17. Miss Emily Davies urged that women already took an active part in politics, and although their services were utilised for the purpose of canvassing voters, they were not allowed to vote themselves. No valid argument could be brought forward for excluding women who paid rates and taxes from political rights. Mrs. Fawcett remarked that the only persons with whom women shared the doubtful privilege of being excluded from the political arena were minors, felons, and lunatics. She traced the gradual improvement that had taken place in the position of women, and said that in their present effort they were only endeavouring to add one more stone to a building which it had taken many centuries to erect.

A MEETING of ladies to consider the propriety of appointing a paid Sick Nurse for the poor of Kilmarnock, was held in the Town Hall on the 14th. Mrs. Ferrier Hamilton, of Cairnhill, presided, and there was a very large attendance. A deputation of two ladies from Ayr explained how they did the work there. The scheme was cordially approved, and a committee of fourteen, with Mrs. M'Lelland convener and Mrs. Thorneycroft secretary, was appointed. Upwards of £100 was subscribed towards the object in view.

A NEW Hospital has just been opened at Hankow, in China, for which £1,000 was collected by the Ladies' Society in England and sent out. The Honourable Miss Sugden is in charge of the Medical Mission at Hankow, and during her residence there she has seen thirteen thousand one hundred and seventeen out-patients, and paid three hundred and eight visits to women unable to come to the Dispensary, so there seems every prospect that the Hospital will be greatly valued by the Chinese women.

BE punctual and methodical in business, and never procrastinate. Be not forward to assign reasons to those who have no right to ask. Oft-times the blackness which we see in others is only our own shadow.

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