

velopment and usefulness of the hospital. In recognition of the loyal devotion and unexampled activity displayed by the President, Dr. Dreyfus, and by Mrs. Dreyfus, the new building has been named "The Charles and Hedwig Dreyfus Wing," the Board being desirous of permanently associating Dr. Dreyfus's name with an institution over the destinies of which he has presided with so much true Jewish zeal and public spirit. The present Matron, Mrs. Belekdaman, has, by her tact, diligence, and ability in exceptionally arduous times, won golden opinions all round.

The Richmond Board of Guardians have recently had an interesting point under discussion. The Visiting Committee advised that when advertising for a nurse, the words "all other qualifications being equal, a total abstainer preferred," should be inserted in the advertisement. The recommendation was opposed. Mr. Bisgood wisely said that personally he should be inclined to vote for a total abstainer rather than a drinker, but he was opposed to making inquisitorial enquiries. Miss Newton said she found that this was often done by public bodies, especially with regard to those entrusted with the nursing of the sick. She spoke strongly as it had been her unfortunate lot to see many of their nurses go under through the temptation to drink. Ratepayers had remarked to her, "I have seen Nurse So-and-so visiting the public-house."

The Chairman contested this statement—upon which Miss Newton said she could give names. Ultimately it was decided to add the words "total abstainer preferred."

The *St. John House News* gives an interesting account of the Talk on Corea given to the members after the last League Meeting by the Reverend Mother of the St. Peter's Community, who has recently returned from Corea. She described the Corean rooms, which are always 8 ft. square, with fireplaces and chimneys under the floors; tunnels are made and covered with thin stones, and the fire lighted. The hotter the room the happier the Corean inmate. The doors and windows are of thin paper, and ventilation non-existent. There is no privacy, for when an outsider wishes to see what is going on in a room he simply wets his finger and makes a hole in the paper to look through.

The "religion" of the country is devil and ancestor worship. The Coreans have no idea of a beneficent Spirit, only of the spirits of evil, who are placated by sacrifices. Ancestor

worship has inculcated such a strong sense of respect for elders that it is often a cause of some professing Christians falling back into heathenism. Every morning all the children make a deep obeisance to their parents, and no child would speak unless spoken to, neither would a son presume to smoke in the presence of his father.

Amongst the interesting things shown by the Reverend Mother were a piece of the oil paper which is used as a floor covering, some wonderful pictures of bears, dragons, and flowers in the brightest colouring, and some boxes without hinges, so cunningly contrived that they can be locked.

At the inauguration of the Medical Congress held in Melbourne, the South Gallery of the Town Hall, says the *Australasian Nurses' Journal*, was reserved for nurses, who, in their white caps and aprons, formed quite a feature of the scene.

Irish Nursing Notes.

A correspondent writes that the nurses of St. Lawrence's Home, Dublin, Q.V.J.I., have reason to be very grateful to their Excellencies Lord Lieutenant and the Countess of Aberdeen, who generously gave a handsome donation for Christmas dinners for their sick poor, and also kind gifts for the nursing staff. Since the appointment of his Excellency the Earl of Aberdeen as Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, Lady Aberdeen has sent every Christmas a large hamper filled with good things to the District Nurses working in the congested districts, supported by Lady Dudley's Fund, all of whom were trained in St. Lawrence's Home. Owing to the great demand for Queen's Nurses in Ireland, the number of candidates in this Home has considerably increased. The staff now comprises thirteen.

The nurses in the Home, before the expiration of their six months' district training, and prior to their taking up duties in their new districts, are now specially trained in Tuberculosis work by the Tuberculosis Nurses working in Dublin under the auspices of the Dublin branch of the Women's National Health Association of Ireland. The work of the Home, which for ten years was carried on so well by Miss Horan, is now successfully continued by Miss McArdle, late Matron of the Chester Isolation Hospital, and Assistant Matron of the City Hospital, Fazakerley, Liverpool.

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