

Dr. Florence Willey described alcohol as a "sort of liar" which pretended to do one thing and did another. She urged nurses to discourage its use by nursing mothers, and its indiscriminate use in cases of emergency. After Miss Dowcra and Mrs. Rhodes had invited subscriptions and new recruits, Miss Donaldson, Matron of the Mount Vernon Hospital, Hampstead, proposed a cordial vote of thanks to Mrs. Lloyd George and Sir Thomas Barlow; and the former, in responding, expressed her pleasure at receiving the Nurses' Total Abstinence League, and extended a cordial invitation to tea.

The London Board of the Nurses' Social Union is forming a Debating Class, and the first lesson will be given by Miss Mary Johnston at 34, Westminster Mansions, Great Smith Street, S.W., on Wednesday, January 17th, at 8 p.m. Those wishing to join should send their names as soon as possible to Miss Eggestorff, 12, Stonleigh Street, Kensington. Only about eight of those who join the class will be able to take part in the discussions, which are not necessarily restricted to nurses, but many can listen to the instructions given.

Thousands of pounds' worth of linen and articles of clothing are now being supplied to hospitals all over the country through the Ladies' Work Associations. It would be interesting to compile a table showing the cash value to hospitals of these contributions. It must be a very considerable sum.

We are enabled, by the kindness of the Editor of *The Gentlewoman*, to publish the interesting group of Chinese nurses which appears on this page. They are Miss Chung, Matron of the

Hospital, Tientsin, in the native city, one of the few Chinese Hospitals, and her staff. It is a most up-to-date institution, with a staff of European visiting doctors, and equipped with all the latest appliances. Miss Chung was trained at St. Thomas' Hospital, London, where she worked for six years. She is readily distinguishable from the rest of the nurses by the spectacles she wears.

Cranleigh Village Hospital is a very charming little place at which much good work is done. Sister Hyland, who is so popular, has now a thoroughly trained and experienced nurse to help her—a step in the right direction, which the managers of many cottage hospitals should take.

It is interesting to note how public opinion has changed on the subject of nursing as a suitable career for women in the last fifty years.

Speaking before the National Association for the Promotion of Social Science in 1862, Miss Emily Davies said:—

We are constantly told that women are made to be nurses, and that a better class of nurses is urgently required. But it seems to be forgotten that though a few philanthropic ladies may undertake nursing in hospitals, or among the poor as a work of charity, without loss of social rank, the business of a hired nurse cannot be looked upon as a profession for a lady. The salary of a hospital nurse is less than the wages of a butler or a groom, and even supposing that superior women could command higher remuneration, the position of a nurse is in every way too nearly allied to that of an upper servant, to be in the least appropriate for the daughters and sisters of the mercantile and professional classes.

She would be a bold person now who would speak in the above strain, for the daughters



MISS CHUNG, MATRON OF THE TIENSIN HOSPITAL,
AND THE NURSING STAFF.

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