

heard against coffee. The people are every bit as strong, every bit as gay, as our own, and yet they are veritable toppers of the beverage. What the case against coffee may be, it is for others to show. That it is taken in untold quantities by scores of folk, and this without apparent ill, is a fact beyond dispute.

Cincinnati, Ohio, U.S.A.

NURSES' MISSIONARY LEAGUE.

In his Lecture given on Oct. 8th, Dr. E. F. Wills, who has had some fifteen years' experience of work in Central China, described the religions of that great country. Beginning with Confucianism he pointed out that this religion deals entirely with the duty of man to man. Such subjects as immortality, the nature of God, prayer and sacrifice, Confucius declared to be beyond man's understanding, and he therefore confined himself to every-day duty, the relationship between king and statesman, father and son, husband and wife, brothers, and friends. The strong point is its call to duty; its great weakness is that all its commands are active not passive. It says, "save yourself," not "be saved," and in the last extremity, when man has fallen to the uttermost, Confucianism has no power to help.

Buddhism, on the other hand, a faith which has lived some 2,400 years and has some 500 million adherents, affirms that this world is only a world of appearances. The only cure for evil is to kill all desire, extinguish all feeling and emotion, and then the calm of Nirvana ("the blowing out as of a candle") will be yours. Many of its tenets are beautiful, but Buddhism, as seen in Central China, has utterly failed to make men good.

In conclusion the lecturer pointed out that a tremendous opportunity lies before all medical and nurse missionaries for being object lessons of the truth of Christianity, and emphasised the need for a deep living faith in all those who go out to meet these mighty religions of the East.

WEDDING BELLS.

On October 1st, the marriage took place in Toronto, of Miss Louise Cecelia Brent, for sixteen years Lady Superintendent of the Children's Hospital in the Queen City, and Mr. William Usher Godson. The happy pair received an overwhelming number of good wishes for their future. Mrs. Godson's work for the nursing profession is universally recognised. Let us hope she will still interest herself in it.

A POPULAR FAVOURITE.

The comfort of knowing that the disinfectant one is using is non-poisonous as well as efficient is great, and both are assured when "Sanitas Fluid" is the one selected. Air sprayed with it becomes exquisitely fresh, and it is not surprising that amongst all the many disinfectants now placed on the market this old-established favourite holds its own.

OUTSIDE THE GATES.

WOMEN IN CONFERENCE.

The Conference of the National Union of Women Workers, and the Meeting of the National Council of Women held in the Assembly Rooms, Hull, last week, were most interesting and important gatherings. The National Council this year numbered 625 members, the largest membership on record, and a number of important papers on "The Children of the Nation," to which space does not permit us to refer in detail, but which will be published in the Conference Report, were presented.

Wednesday, October 8th, and Thursday, October 9th, were devoted to the business of the National Council, when Mrs. Creighton, the first President of the National Union of Women Workers, from 1895 to 1897, was re-elected President in succession to Mrs. Allan Bright, and it was arranged that next year's Conference should be held in Bristol.

RESOLUTIONS.

The following resolutions were carried:—

I.

"That the National Council of Women of Great Britain and Ireland, having in view the great value and importance of the work of women inspectors in respect of the safety and welfare of women engaged in industry, and the totally inadequate number of women factory inspectors, and women inspectors under the Trade Boards Act hitherto appointed, earnestly entreats His Majesty's Government to make such substantial additions to their number as shall enable the inspectors to meet successfully the growing demands upon their time and strength created by the continual expansion of industry, and increasing industrial employment of women, and to secure the due enforcement of laws passed for the protection of the worker." *Rider*: "The Council respectfully represents to the Home Secretary and the President of the Local Government Board that in the interests of children there is need for an increase in the number of women inspectors appointed by their respective Departments."

Copies of the Resolution were ordered to be sent to the Government Departments concerned.

II.

"That the National Council of Women of Great Britain and Ireland urges Parliament to pass a measure to open the legal professions to women."

Copies were ordered to be sent to the Prime Minister and the Lord Chancellor.

III.

"That the National Council of Women of Great Britain and Ireland earnestly begs the National Council of Women of Canada to consider the advisability of approaching the Department

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