

WOMEN AND THEIR WORK.

DR. ALICE VICKERY has been lecturing on "Alcohol and Tobacco" to large audiences in the Great Central Hall, Bishopsgate, on Sunday mornings. As may be imagined from the locality, the male element of the gathering was probably addicted to the more or less immoderate consumption of both these exciseable articles. So the learned doctor must be credited with the courage of her convictions in talking against their use in such a locality and to such a congregation.

LADY DUFFERIN has, with the energy for which she is so famous, and which even the Indian climate has not apparently impaired, succeeded in thoroughly rousing the public mind in India on two subjects. Medical women, she has shown, have an enormous field of work open to them in India, in attending to the high-caste women, who are allowed to die by thousands, and suffer untold agonies without relief, because their law and religion forbid them consulting a medical man. Many English ladies have now qualified themselves in medicine and surgery under Lady Dufferin's scheme, and are beginning to remedy this evil.

THEN she organized a collection for an Indian present to the Queen on the occasion of Her Majesty's Jubilee last year. The accounts have just been closed, and it is reported that five lakhs of rupees is the total sum collected, and moreover that seven-eighths of this was contributed by women. I hear on good authority that the Queen has decided that the whole amount is to be invested, and the interest used in the support of the above scheme—a grand Jubilee memorial indeed!

IN connection with this it is stated that a medical school has been opened at Hyderabad to train native women as doctors. It is now suggested that this school should also be used to train native women as nurses, to work under the supervision of the lady doctors, and especially to take charge of patients in outlying villages and in the poor densely-crowded quarters of the large towns. So nursing is coming to the front in the far East as well as at home.

MISS LOUISA MACDONALD, M.A., and Miss Alice L. S. Riding, M.A., have been elected fellows of University College.

AT a meeting held in the Guildhall, Worcester, in connection with the Gospel Temperance Mission, Lady Henry Somerset spoke on "The Duty of Women."

AN interesting meeting was held at the house of Lady Smith, in Berkeley Square, on Friday, to discuss "Female Work." Lord Balfour of Burleigh presided.

It is a fact that until quite lately the boys and girls, inmates of the Strand Union, wore by night the same under vesture as they did by day; and it is owing to the influence of Mrs. Evans, one of the Lady Guardians, that the children have been provided with night-dresses. Mrs. Evans had been in the wards by night, and had seen the children shivering, and she pointed out that it was the duty of the Guardians of the Poor to send out these children into the world strong and healthy and without the seeds of bronchitis and consumption within them. One more proof that the domestic departments of our public institutions, as well as our private homes, should be superintended by women.

MISS AGNES GARRETT sends an interesting paper on "The Employment for Girls" to *Atalanta* for April. In it she advocates "house decoration" as a remunerative business for women. But, to be successful as a decorator, she says—"A woman must undertake the business seriously, and time and patience must be devoted to learning its various branches thoroughly. Too many young ladies would think that the main business of house decoration would consist in painting *Gloire de Dijon* roses upon the panels of a door." To learn a trade women must do as a man would, and go through a term of apprenticeship in a house of business, if they are to succeed. This fact of learning and doing a thing *thoroughly* cannot be too often or too firmly impressed upon women.

MR. BESANT may feel less sad concerning their culture, for surely, in the multitude of counsellors about "our daughters," there must be some safety.

THE girl graduates of Oxford and Cambridge have formed a "Women's Settlement" for philanthropic work in Southwark, which is maintained entirely by them.

THE Government of Japan has entrusted the organization of the new Woman's College at Tokio to a committee of English women.

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