

courses, and one for the certificate of proficiency. During the year eleven students passed the preliminary examination of the Victoria University, nine in the first and two in the second division, of whom four came up direct from the Manchester High School for Girls; two passed the intermediate and four the final examination for the degree of B.A. One student in this department passed the examination for the B.A. degree of the London University. Miss Alice M. Cooke obtained the Bradford History Scholarship of the value of £45; and the Open Entrance Scholarship of the value of £20, renewable for a second and third year, offered by a committee of subscribers in favour of women aiming at a Victoria degree, was awarded to Miss Florence Le Page.

THE Chinese women are beginning to rebel seriously against the fashion of compressing their feet, which has so long limited their energies. It appears that a missionary has been preaching to them on the subject, and they have taken the matter so much to heart that they have started a "Heavenly Foot Society."

AMERICAN women are beginning to discover, like ourselves, that, if they want domestic work well done, they must understand themselves how it ought to be done. The management of a house is not learnt instinctively, but requires, like everything else, to be properly taught. Several ladies in America have recently formed themselves into an Association for the Advancement of Household Science, and they intend in this corporate capacity to study the improvement of every detail of household management, from building and ventilating to the cooking and cleaning. One of the primary objects of this association is to elevate domestic employment and put it on a par with other work. The attractiveness of an employment depends as much upon its social as upon its pecuniary conditions, and so long as domestic service is looked upon only as a refuge for the destitute, it is hopeless to endeavour to induce capable women to enter it, even by the offer of high wages.

THE Women's University Association for work in the poorer districts of London held its second annual general meeting at Cambridge on the 25th inst., Mrs. Westlake in the chair. It is proposed that the Association be incorporated as a registered Association under the Company's Acts, and Lord Thring has kindly drafted the memorandum and articles of association. It is also proposed that women graduates of London University be invited to join the Association as a body.

THE *Lancet* says: "Lady Frances Travenion and Lady Florence Clinton have consented to act as Hon. Treasurers to a fund for obtaining an ambulance car for the removal of injured horses in the streets of London. The daily occurrence of serious accidents to horses, and the frequent spectacle of fatal injury to animals remaining for hours unattended and incapable of movement, suggest that many humane persons will be but too glad to contribute to this much-wanted object. Subscriptions may be addressed to Hon. Treasurer, Animals' Institute, 9, Kinnerton Street, Knightsbridge."

NEW INVENTIONS.

FROM time to time new things are brought under our notice, sometimes in a very casual way indeed. This was so this week in my case. I was visiting Birmingham, and expressing a desire to see over the establishment of Messrs. Southall Brothers and Barclay, the great chemists, I was conducted over the factories, and was indeed astonished at the size of the place and all that goes on inside its walls; and for the sake of other Nurses I give a list of the things I saw being made, believing it will be a help to them, especially Private Nurses. I know when I was doing Private Nursing I should have been glad to know of some, at least, of these things.

In one room there were girls making sanitary sheets, sanitary towels, absorbent pads, &c., all on the same principle. These sheets are extremely nice, and can be used for typhoid patients as well as for accouchements, &c.; they are not expensive, and are made up in three sizes. The pads are convenient for Surgical dressings, &c. The sanitary towels are known—I need not mention them—but there is a useful little lamp about to be put into the market for destroying these towels; this is carried about in a very small compass, and is used with the greatest ease in one's bedroom. Sanitary towels will, I expect, be greatly used when the public know them better.

Then I saw the Arctic cod liver oil. It seems to be very delicate, and is, I think, richer than other brands in the essential constituents of cod liver oil—namely, gadmine, iodine, bromine, &c., and as it is easily digested I myself mean to take it next winter as a constant thing.

Next I noticed the Aquarium Sea Salt, manufactured by Southall. It is a real sea salt, containing besides common salt, or chloride of sodium, such salts as chloride of potassium, chloride of magnesium, sulphate of magnesium, bromide of magnesium, &c. When dissolved in water it forms a solution practically identical with sea

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