

Why so, I do not know, unless it is that they are less nervous and know less about themselves and methods of treatment.

I have made a few calls out to homes. One was to a very pleasant place and among very pleasant women. The rooms were clean; they appeared to be kind to their servants and pure and innocent themselves. They were very arduous in their attentions, so that I wished they would not be quite so kind. It was difficult to make a short call. They tried their best to find out what I liked to eat, and would either give it to me then or send it to our house. They sent pheasants twice, nicely prepared, much as we would do them.

One could not help but like these women, because from their hearts they were so courteous. They called with their friends one afternoon, and smoked a very little in our house; afterward they learned that foreigners would not like that, and were very profuse in their apologies. Of course you know that nearly all the women smoke here. They have nice looking pipes, called "water-pipes." Such an one is offered when a call is made.

I was not able to talk directly about the Gospel very much in that house, but tried to interest them by a word or two, now and then, and by singing for them. It was mission work, however, to just be pleasant with them and so break down prejudice. I do pray that God will yet lead them to Himself.

At New Year's time (Chinese) I was called to hurry out to an opium case. A woman had taken opium in a moment of anger over some New Year guests. A friend who had considerable experience in treating such patients accompanied me. The woman had taken half a cup of vinegar to cause the opium to absorb more quickly. The relatives had given her oil, which made it difficult for an emetic to act. However, through the mercy of the Lord, her life was spared. We have not seen her since, but one of the relatives came to thank us.

Miss Foster and I went to another home to treat a woman whom the native doctors could not help. The patient was in a most critical condition, and a minor opera-