

Miscellanea.

Women and Dentistry.

SPEAKING on this subject to the *Daily News* representative, Miss Louie M. Brooks, Secretary and Warden of the London School of Medicine for Women in Hunter Street, said: "It is almost the only career which has been overlooked by the middle-class women of to-day who are seeking to enter professional or business life.

"It is the more surprising, because the field for the activities of the woman dentist is a big one, and is practically empty of competitors. At the present time there are only three women registered dentists in London, and they are called upon to deal with more patients than they can cope with. I believe there are only two in Manchester and not more than six for the rest of the United Kingdom.

"The desire for them among women themselves is a steadily increasing one. That is because women have reached the stage at which, while not distrusting men, they have a greater confidence in their own sex.

"We have only five girl students for the dentistry course at present. Last year the number was three, and the previous year two. Prior to that there was a gap of some years without any students at all.

"Looking at the thing from a business point of view, it is a splendid investment for parents of girls. The course extends over four years, and the joint fees amount in all to £180. The studies are pursued at this school and at the National Dental Hospital in Great Portland Street.

"At the end of four years, when they become registered dental practitioners, their incomes should easily equal those of the average male dentist, which ranges from £600 to £2,000 a year.

"The existence of school clinics, with women medical inspectors, reveals an obvious need for women dentists to attend the children. The practice of the woman dentist of the near future will be confined to dealing with patients of her own sex and children. This is where the need lies, and where the lamentable lack of supply is being most keenly felt."

Benevolent Fund.

Donations received March, 1914 :—

North Midland Branch of British Dental Association, collection at Harrogate, March 7, 1914 (per Edwd. P. Collett)	£1	11	6
G. A. Peake, Alma House, Cheltenham	0	2	6

ACCORDING to the *Ladies' Pictorial* there is, it seems, an urgent demand for women dentists in China, where Chinese women, brought up in seclusion, suffer terribly with their teeth because they will not let themselves be treated by a male dentist. One well-known Chinese doctor has promised to interest himself in any properly qualified women dentists who go out with an introduction to him, and to recommend them for professional work.