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A GROUP OF WOMEN IN-PATIENTS.

With cancer of the stomach. She has already been operated on, and is in less pain than she was, but I fear her improvement will be but Temporary.

Now, however, we pass to the general wards for the women. These are arranged in a series of small rooms---a plan the women patients like very much, but not very satisfactory from the doctor's point of view.

We sometimes hear it said that Chinese women will not go to a man Doctor. This is not so in Formosa, and, indeed, it is doubtful, if arrangements are only suitable, whether the statement is now true of any large part of China. The Tainan hospital had more than 600 female in-patients last year, and over 4,000 out-patient attendances by women. These were drawn from the rich, with their tinkling gold anklets and heavily be-jewelled arms, down to the poorest slave girls, often deeply sinned against. The reason why general hospitals receive so few well-to-do Chinese women is only that their accommodation is not suited for such. These will have private rooms, and are quite ready to pay a good sum for them. To refuse to have paying wards means practically to refuse admittance to such as these, and to cut off from the hospital a very important source of revenue.

You will notice one thing in our women's wards. The men's wards, you will have observed, have mosquito-proof doors and windows, and