

A DEPUTATION of the women of Bosnia, consisting of Serbian ladies and Jewesses, lately waited upon the Crown Princess Stephanie of Austria, and accorded to her an extraordinary ovation. The garments worn by these ladies were truly marvellous. Every one of the Mohammedans carried on her person more than £4,000 worth in gold embroidery, their turbans being almost entirely hidden beneath diamonds, and strings of pearls and ducats. Frau von David acted as interpreter, and her Imperial Highness conversed with each lady, and was visibly delighted with their unique homage. In thanking them for their attendance, she wished them all every happiness in the future, at which, we are told, "the women broke into cries of rapture," and one of them exclaimed, "Tell her Excellency when she speaks to us like that, she will live in our hearts."

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SOME nine years ago the "London Flower Girl Brigade" was founded by the Baroness Burdett Coutts, with the object of civilising and training the younger members of the flower women's trade. The plan adopted of employing girls at street corners in the sale of natural flowers, was not found to answer. The idea was, therefore, started and carried out of teaching them in the winter to make artificial flowers, at which trade they can work all the year round for City houses, selling their flowers at a moderate price. There are now 42 girls in the Brigade, their mission rooms are at Clerkenwell, and the Vicar of St. James's will give any information to anyone interested in the cause.

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WE wonder if our readers know anything of the Mission Work in South London, which is now being forwarded by a Ladies' Branch, in connection with the Trinity College (Cambridge) Mission, in the parish of St. George's, Camberwell. A committee of ladies, desirous of developing women's work in connection with the Mission, was formed under the sanction of the executive committee, in January last, and they appeal more especially to the wives and relatives of Trinity men for assistance in their work. Already several ladies give their services as district visitors; and a Guild of over three hundred, are making clothes for the poor of this large parish. The aid of the Sisters of St. James's Home, Kilbo Lampton, has been enlisted, two of whom live in a house which has been secured for their use, and are busily engaged in visiting, nursing, and otherwise assisting the sick and needy poor. As soon as sufficient means can be secured, it is hoped to increase the number of Sisters for these purposes. The special ways

in which ladies might help the Mission, are by providing or supporting district visitors, girls' clubs, a crèche, clothes for the poor, classes for cooking and needlework, rescue work, Convalescent Homes, Hospital letters, soup kitchens, a maternal society, and laundry work.

One of the first objects is, however, to open a club or restaurant for the large number of girls engaged in the different factories in the neighbourhood, who are at present, for the most part, ignorant and uncared for; and a drawing-room meeting was held recently, by the permission of Lady Wimborne, at Hamilton House, Arlington Street, to bring before the public the work at present being carried on by the Trinity College Mission, which was commenced by his predecessor and continued by Dr. Butler, the present Master. We quote the following account from the *Queen* :—

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"THE especial object of the meeting was to collect funds for starting a restaurant and club-room for several hundred factory girls who work in the neighbourhood. These girls, who earn from 6s. to 12s. a week, usually live together in pairs, and have nowhere to spend their evenings, but the streets and public-houses. The Countess of Jersey, who has become president of the ladies' branch of this mission, made a touching and eloquent appeal for these poor girls, and any of those who could have heard her most effective address would, we feel sure, be prompted to offer their little mite towards so great a work. She described the utter loneliness of the girls, the absence of all civilising and refining influences either of nature, art, occupation, or amusement, and, drawing a vivid picture of the contrast between their existence, and the many advantages for enjoyment possessed by those present, made a deep impression upon all who heard her. The whole of the work undertaken by Trinity College is destined to be of a permanent nature—the same as that undertaken by Oxford in Bethnal Green, and by Eton and Harrow in other parts of London. It is to be carried on by lay workers, as well as by the clergy, and attempts to elevate and refine the population by amusement and instruction, as well as by religious and moral training. All who have any connection with Cambridge, either past or present, are invited to assist, either as workers or subscribers. All information can be obtained by writing to the president, the Countess of Jersey, 3, Great Stanhope-street; the Countess of Galloway, 17, Upper Grosvenor-street; or the secretaries, Hon. Mrs. Thos. Band, 12, Lennox-gardens, and Hon. Mrs. Frank Parker, Wilton House, Eaton-square."

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