

possibly having no sufficient address or idea where to go, and only too glad to fall in with any suggestion as to a night's lodgings and a comfortable meal, from whomsoever it may come. The dangers which beset this class of travellers may easily be imagined; and I know cases of a most regrettable kind, where a kind and friendly word from a wise and respectable person would have saved life-long misery. The little society, of whose work I have only lately heard, employs an agent, who visits all railway stations, and endeavours to interest officials, porters, and waiting-room attendants in their efforts to afford needed help and protection to the friendless young women who yearly pass in hundreds through the stations. Leaflets are distributed amongst the porters, suggesting the way in which they may aid the efforts of the society, by directing any such travellers to the recognised lady agent, who may be in the station, or to the waiting-room, where the attendants are acquainted with the station visitor, and can also communicate with the head office quite readily. The porters can easily recognise an unaccustomed traveller who may be patiently waiting for the friend who does not come, or who evidently does not know where to go; and there are but few men in that position who would not give a word of advice or suggest that the very ladies who can help her are to be heard of in the waiting-room, or at the office of the Society, No. 16A, Old Cavendish Street. One feature of the work of this Society, also, is that the secretary, if so requested, will arrange to have girls met on arriving in London, or at other towns, and at foreign ports. And there is, moreover, a watchful agent at the London Docks to offer help to girls who may land from foreign ships, handing to all cards of warning, and giving the address of the Travellers' Aid Society. I know for a fact that two sisters who had passed successful examinations for a Government situation in a department of the Post Office, arrived in London late one evening from Ireland, having carelessly lost the address of a friend in London, and with no idea where to go, or where to spend the night. Accidentally, a friend of mine saw their plight, and noticed a very undesirable-looking person entering into conversation with them. She, of course, took charge of the girls herself, and saw them safely lodged; but had she been aware of the existence of the 'Travellers' Aid' it would have spared her much trouble and some anxiety. The expenses of this merciful Society are not great, but printing costs money, and the station agents must be paid. At present, all the necessary funds are drawn from the Young Women's Christian Association. When the work of the 'Travellers' Aid' is better known, it is hoped it may be able to pay its own expenses."

A NEW home for orphan children has just been opened near Philadelphia by the Misses Drexels, daughters of a banker in that city. It stands in the centre of an apple orchard, and is surrounded by 250 acres of land. The young lady founders of this institution, which they have named the St. Francis de Sales Home, have been at great pains and expense to make it as perfect as possible for its purpose, and they have studied architects' plans and builders' estimates for the past year or two.

A GREAT deal lately has been written in women's papers concerning clubs for women. Attention has been drawn to the Ladies' Victoria Club at 3, Old Cavendish Street, W., which has existed for some years past. This is strictly a woman's club, and is much frequented by ladies who live in the country or abroad, by those whose town houses are shut up, and who come for a few days' shopping, or who have to pass through London on their way to visit friends. Before the end of the year it is hoped larger premises may be obtained, so that in connection with the club a private hotel may be started, where families can be put up, and where there would be a room for ladies to receive visitors.

THE Somerville Club in Oxford Street, which was re-started a few months ago, has from time to time been brought before our readers in these columns. During the past season, most interesting debates and social evenings have been held at this club, where they have a spare room rented by one of the members, which can be procured for meetings upon very reasonable terms, considering its central position.

WOMEN teachers in Germany are awakening to the importance of their profession, and, like other recognised professions, have found it advisable to establish an organ of their own, called the *Lehrerin*; it is edited by Mrs. Lœper Housselle, and is published at Leipzig. It is likely that, before long, women will be appointed to teacher-ships in the public girls' schools in Germany, posts which it seems incredible that they should not always have filled. The movement in this direction has not been brought about by the highly educated women pressing their natural claims to teach their own sex, but the protest has come from the mothers, who, to the number of nine thousand, have petitioned the Government to choose women in place of the professors who have hitherto directed their daughter's minds.

THE scheme started a short time ago by Lady Mary Fielding, to build a residential club for ladies,

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