

WOMEN AND THEIR WORK.

THE Empress Frederick, for the first time since the death of her august Consort, made her appearance in public on the 17th instant, and presided at the meeting of the Inundation Relief Committee in the Berlin Town Hall. The Empress is going to prefix an introduction to Mr. Rennell Rodd's "Life of the Emperor Frederick." The volume has been designed by Her Majesty with a view to aiding the funds of the Hospital for Diseases of the Throat, in Golden Square, which the late Emperor visited when in London on the occasion of the Jubilee.

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MISS FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE has written an interesting letter, which has been published by the Public Health Society at Calcutta, in which she expresses sympathy with its aims, and urges the society to show persistence in the work of sanitary reform.

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THE Queen of Roumania, during a recent visit to Vienna, was invited by half-a-dozen editors to contribute to their journals, and handsome terms were offered to her. But the only request with which she complied was that of a Styrian editor, who promised that in return for her contribution, he would plant a large bed of Alpine flowers in one of the Royal Gardens at Bucharest.

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MISS C. E. DENISON is the honorary secretary of the Ladies' Committee of the Church Emigration Society, which is proposing to send out a small party of women to Australia on the steamship *Orient*, under the protection of a Matron. Miss Denison is anxious that it should be known that there are good openings for Trained Nurses in Melbourne, and also at Adelaide, where dress-makers would also find employment, but she says that there is little or no chance for governesses in any of the colonies. Strong general servants of good character can get good places and high wages in British Columbia. Miss Denison personally sees every applicant recommended by the Church Emigration Society, who wish for "assisted passages" to Queensland. The Ladies' Committee are prepared to furnish outfits for emigrants at a cheap rate, and the passage to Adelaide, Melbourne, or Sydney, including the ship outfit of bedding, linen, chair, &c.—which afterwards become the property of the passenger—at a cost of £20. Miss C. E. Denison's address is 196, Cromwell Road, London, S.W., and prompt application should be made to her by those desirous of emigrating under the auspices of the society.

LADIES who are artistically inclined will be glad to hear of a new employment for deft fingers, which promises to become very fashionable. This is a method of modelling portraits in wax, which two young ladies, very well known in social and artistic circles, have just brought into prominence by some very charming specimens that have lately been on public view. We believe this manner of securing likenesses was in vogue quite 400 years ago, but the clever young ladies who have revived it have greatly improved upon the old form. Not only is the face and hair modelled in wax and coloured, but the costumes are carried out in real brocade, the smallest details of dress being reproduced by skilful workers.

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UNDER the title of the "Lady Guide Association," an enterprising lady has formulated a scheme for a new employment for intelligent and educated gentlewomen who are willing, or are compelled, to earn by their own exertions their means of subsistence. The object of the Association is to organise a staff of qualified lady guides to conduct parties of visitors to London, and to show them in regular order the sights and entertainments of the great British metropolis. Each week and each day numbers of people of home and foreign birth come hither to see London. The majority of them know nothing about the places, and go from one side to another in a desultory manner, thus wasting much time, and incurring unnecessary labour and fatigue. To enable visitors of this class to more fully utilise their time, and economise their strength and resources, the Association will undertake to furnish competent guides to conduct them about the capital in regular order. If previous notice be sent, the guides will await their arrival at the railway termini, and take them to the several places and institutions they desire successively to see. Under the care of these guides the visitors will be able to go economically to work, and to see as much as they can for the amount they have to spend. They will also be spared an amount of unnecessary transport, which visitors often unwittingly incur, through ignorance of the position of the different sights of London relatively to each other. The Association will do for visitors to London what the tourist agencies do for "conducted parties" in foreign towns. Each applicant for employment in the Association will be required to possess a full and practical knowledge of the history and features of the district she selects for her sphere of operations. The scheme, though novel to us, is simply the application of the tourist agencies. To a numerous class of visitors it may prove of substantial utility. The chief office is for the present at 5, Lauderdale Road, W.

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