

### Greek Women and the War.

THE object of the "Union of Greek Women" is to render the education of women in Greece more practical, and to give them a better chance of developing their capacities. The need of this training has been clearly demonstrated in the war which is just over, when it was proved that the will of the Greek ladies is only to be equalled by their lack of organisation.

This Union was founded by Madame C. Parren, who was impressed with the benefits to be attained by combination, and inspired with the desire to form a union of Greek women at the Congress of Chicago.

Madame Parren returned from Chicago about three years ago, and, after much hard work, she succeeded in founding the Union on a satisfactory basis.

It was not until September last, however, that the final programme was drawn up as follows:—

The Union is divided into eight groups—(1) National group; (2) philanthropic group; (3) educational group; (4) scientific group; (5) artistic group; (6) household economy; (7) charitable group; (8) industrial group.

Each of these groups works quite inde-

pendently of the others, and has its own president, secretary, and working committee.

There is also a General Council of the whole Union, presided over by Her Majesty the Queen of Greece and by Princess Sophia.

The President and Secretary of each section have a right to attend this General Council,

which meets monthly, and to present for discussion any questions which they wish settled, having first discussed the matter in hand with their own working committee, and the members of their own particular section.

This was the point at which the Union had arrived when the Cretan troubles began in January, and the possibility of a war with Turkey arose. It was at once seen how much work might have to be done, and for the time being all members joined the National Section, with Mrs. Griva



MADAME PARREN.

as President. This section was divided into six branches, each with its own committee.

These branches are as follows:—

- (1) For training nurses.
- (2) For preparing linen (the committee who undertook this branch prepared 15,000 garments in less than twenty days).
- (3) For succouring the families of refugees

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