

OUTSIDE THE GATES.

We are glad to note that the success of the British Empire Exhibition at Wembley is now assured. It is wonderful beyond words, and must be visited many times to appreciate its greatness. Personally, we could wish to live on the spot, as even whole days spent there leave us unsatisfied. One really needs a day to study each pavilion.

It should be an eye-opener to book-worms—and it would be invaluable as a means of instruction if school children could spend a week at the Exhibition, and be systematically instructed in the wonders of the British Empire and their glorious heritage.

The Thanksgiving Service at the British Empire Exhibition, Sunday, May 25th, proved to be one of the milestones in the history of the great Exhibition of 1924.

The arrival of their Majesties, the King and Queen, was announced by a fanfare from the State Trumpeters, who stood just below the Royal Box. Then we witnessed one of the most wonderful sights. The Massed Foot Bands, the Massed Drums and Fifes and the Massed Pipes marched

When the Clergy had taken their places on the Archbishop's Dais, the great audience rose and sang the "National Anthem," and then commenced the Service which must live long in the memory of all who participated in it.

Hospitality to our Overseas visitors is the order of the day. The Women's Section of the British Empire Exhibition started it—and now it is difficult to accept all the kind invitations received. The Victorian League Party was tip top with twenty-nine charming hostesses and distinguishing badges the order of the day. Every week in June is full of parties, but the Queen's Garden Party at Buckingham Palace towards the end of the month will be the climax. Five thousand guests will be invited, and the Queen is specially anxious that as many nurses as possible shall be present. The Government are giving their welcome in a garden party of 2,000 people at Hampton Court on June 27th, and on June 30th there is to be a City reception and ball.

The last week of May the young business women of London opened a week's intensive campaign on behalf of



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TURKISH MEN AND WOMEN STUDENTS IN THE DISSECTING ROOM.

across the Stadium, and it was indeed thrilling to watch the brilliant and beautiful effect of the various formations. Then began the splendid procession across the Stadium. First came the Trumpeters of the Household Cavalry followed by a Detachment of Metropolitan Mounted Police a Detachment of Royal Canadian North West Mounted Police, the Union Jack (symbolic of Empire), Dominion Standards, Yeoman Warders of the Tower, Chelsea Pensioners, St. Dunstan's Disabled Soldiers, representatives of all His Majesty's Nursing Services, of the Royal British Nurses' Association, Hospital Nurses, the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, the British Red Cross Society, the Royal National Lifeboat Association, the Royal Naval School, Greenwich, the Duke of York's Royal Military School, Girl Guides and King's Scouts; on each flank of the procession there were carried the ensigns of the Colonies. When the various sections of the procession had passed to the places allocated to them, the Ecclesiastical Procession advanced from the Eastern Tunnel beyond the Stadium in the following order:—The Processional Cross, the Choir, composed of the choirs of the Chapel Royal, St. James', Chapel Royal, Savoy, Westminster Abbey, St. Paul's Cathedral, and many of the great London Churches, and others. Representatives of the Free Churches, Bishops and Clergy, the Bishop of London, the Archbishop of Canterbury,

the scheme inaugurated by the Young Women's Christian Association, and the Blue Triangle Forward Movement, to collect £200,000 to establish a social club for their use in the heart of the West End of London. A Girls' Council, with Miss Ishbel MacDonald, daughter of the Prime Minister, as President, has been formed, who has addressed a letter to all business girls in London describing the scheme:—

"It is," she writes, "to take the form of a club which will contain a spacious library, rest rooms, information bureau, swimming pool, a limited number of bedrooms, an entertainment hall and lounge, and, above all, an up-to-date 'cafeteria,' where one can entertain one's friends at a moderate charge under ideal conditions. A model home for the modern girl.

"Already similar buildings have been erected in the chief cities of Australia, America, and other countries, and we as London girls must have the same in ours—the most wonderful city in the world."

We learn the girls are enthusiastic and intend to unite in a sisterly spirit for the good of all. Everything can be accomplished through co-operation—a lesson trained nurses have failed to learn and apply. They thus remain the most subjugated class of workers in the community.

Our interesting illustration depicts a scene which could not have been possible until recent years. Young Turkish men and women working together in a dissecting room.

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