



EASTERN TORCH BEARERS.

An Eastern marriage is still a scene of splendour and pomp,—the Jews still adhere to their ancient customs, and torch-bearers precede and go forth to meet the bridegroom. The parable of the wise and foolish virgins refers to this practice, and the picture represents the torch-bearers in an Eastern procession. They have oil in their lamps—Is it so with you? are you ready to go forth to meet the bridegroom? Have you been clothed in a marriage garment? Let your conscience answer these questions.

CALCUTTA ORPHANAGE.

The following report of Iona Ruth will have especial interest, as this girl is now a candidate for baptism. We