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WOMAN IN THE EAST.



TATTOOED DRUSE WOMAN.

THE condition of woman in the East is one of marked subordination. This is largely the result of Moham-medanism, which everywhere de-grades woman, treats her as an inferior creature and jealously hides her in the harem. The practice of polygamy saps the very foundations of family life, introduces discord and strife, and often makes the home a

very hell instead of a heaven on earth.

In widest contrast to this de-graded position is the honour-able rank of woman among the Jewish and Christian peoples. There she occupies her rightful place as man's equal and his helpmate, although not enjoy-ing the predominance of posi-tion she holds in the West as the regent of society, its *decus et tutamen*—its ornament and safeguard. In the times of the patriarchs, and of the Hebrew commonwealth, women occu-pied positions of honour and renown. Sarah, Rachel, Re-becca, Miriam, Deborah, Han-nah, and Huldah, are names that for all time shed lustre on their sex. The account given in Proverbs xxiii. of the virtuous woman is one which exhibits the noblest ideal of woman-hood.

It is only, however, under the New Testament dispensation that woman has attained her true place in the home, the Church, and society. Woman was last at the cross, first at the sepulchre, and the first to receive the revelation of the risen Lord. She was present at the first meeting of the disciples after the Ascension. She was among the earliest converts of the apostles' preaching, and was