LADIES' COLUMN.

During the two weeks of the great Olympic Games at the White City—which terminate July 25th—the crowds in town will, it is anticipated, exceed all previous records. Whole ladies of American and Continental visitors continue to arrive, and not only London, but the country as well, will benefit by this great influx of visitors. The hotels continue to be crowded to a degree hitherto unknown, and the supply of newcomers to find accommodation only hope of newcomers to find accommodation will be the boarding-houses and private apartments, of which London has an abundance. Despite this, there is no doubt that many people will find it difficult to secure places wherein to lay their heads.

Society is greatly interested in the engagement of Princess Beatrice of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha to the Infante Alfonso de Bourbon-Orleans. At the same time the newspapers would do well to avoid assurance that the marriage depends on the approval of the Pope, in view of the plan by which the Bonns and the Guelphs are to bring their respective religions. There is no doubt of course that the question of religion will be laid on the Pope as well as the question of illness, in reality the rock on which the matrimonial ship may come to grief much more than on the alleged consanguinity. The marriage was arranged and brought about by the secret Queen of Spain, who has a great affection for her cousin Beatrice of Coburg. The young people met at Vienna, and have since met in secret at Gratz (the summer palace of the Archduke Ferdinand). It is argued in the Spanish Royal Family, all assume the marriage depends on the Pope, and assume the same only on condition that our children born should be brought up in the Catholic faith.

The Infante Alfonso is quite remarkable a personage in his own right. Since he is proposed by the one small son of the King, by the Princess Ena of Battenberg, and the late Marie Mercedes, whose husband last summer died from the effects of Typhoid, by the King's sister Eulalia Doveia, by her son Luis Alfonso, the King's cousin, and by their brothers Ferdinand, Alfonso's Spanish Prince on the Throne of Spain, Infante Don Ferdinand is a direct line from the French Kings. He is a Prince of Spain, and a Prince of France, and a Prince of Bourbon, and a Prince of Orleans, and a Prince of Bourbon-Orleans, and a Prince of Bourbon-Spain, and a Prince of Bourbon-Spain, and a Prince of Bourbon-Spain