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A scheme has been drawn up and plans have been prepared for the erection of a mosque in London. The site has not yet been settled, but it will probably be built in the Bayswater-road. The design, which is the work of Mr. W. I. Chambers, is in the Indian style. The building is to be constructed of white Carrara ware, relieved with touches of green, this being the Moslem colour. A prominent feature will be an enormous dome, which will probably be gilt, surmounted by the star and crescent. At one side of the building there will be a tall minaret, which will be some feet higher than the crown of the dome. At the present time the Mahomedan population in London is computed to number about 2,000. The great majority of them are foreigners, and for the · most part they live in the Western districts. Richmond, in particular, has a small colony of them. Hitherto the community has not possessed a mosque in London, the nearest being that erected some 15 years ago at Woking. The new mosque will cost about £100,000, and will probably occupy two or three years in building.