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Donkeys on the Beach at Sumner.

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SYNOD AT AUCKLAND.

The Anglican Synod of the year exercised itself about giving Church franchise to women. To an uninterested one, it appears that if any one takes any interest in Church work, women certainly do. One need only look at the congregation any Sunday to believe it. Yet we let them vote in politics, and the Synod has excluded them from doing so. That the Synod may see more light!

Bishop Neligan remarks that "woman's suffrage in the Colony does not appear to have conferred the benefit anticipated, nor to have materially improved the position of women in the Colony."

St. Mary's Homes, at Otahuhu, as established under the present Bishop, are praised by him. His Church is "leading the van" both in rescue work and in training ladies for nurses. And great, too, is the gratification that a regular system was planned there before the

Premier's issue of the memoranda relating to these branches of women's work. The Diocesan School for girls is likewise commended. But is it true that there is no room for the daughters of tradesmen? If so, one would think this an error of judgment, seeing that Auckland society is in so large a measure composed of tradespeople. One only hopes that rumour in this case, lies. For if it does not, the school will tremble financially for a very long time.

AT THE BAR.

Miss Ivy Williams is a lady who has passed seven law examinations at Oxford and London. But unlike our women, she will probably not be admitted to the Inner Temple. She speaks of appealing to Parliament if refused. This girl of twenty-six years has no wish to make money. She desires to practise, feeless, for the good of the poor.

