

## WOMEN AT WORK.

In Iceland, there are four women candidates for the Upper House. They are placed upon a non-partisan woman's list, as this is the only way to get women elected.

Miss Mary J. Simpson has been appointed Clerk in charge of the Bills of the U.S.A. Senate. This position is no sinecure, for they introduced more Bills in one session than the number passed in the last 12 months by every civilised nation.

Turkey has a woman Mayor who for many years has been unanimously elected by the Village of Gerimat. She can neither read nor write, but she knows all the laws of the village by heart. She is a widow, over 60 years of age, and with her daughter-in-law and 2 grand-daughters, does all the work on the farm, which is their only means of livelihood.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

The following payments, exclusive of capitation fees, have been received since the date of last report:--

### NEW ZEALAND FUND.

Auckland, £3 3s.; Invercargill Central, £2 2s.; New Brighton £2; Aramoho, Opawa, Sumner, and Sydenham, £1 each; Epsom, 10s.; South Dunedin, 7s. 4d.; Franchise Day Collection, Rai Valley, 13s. 3d.

### ORGANIZING FUND.

Auckland, £18; Onehunga, £5; South Dunedin, £3 15s.; Sumner, £2 9s. 6d.; Epsom and Inglewood, £2 5s. each; Aramoho, £1 8s. 6d.; Hokitika, £1 2s. 6d.; Havelock, 7s. 6d.

### WORLD'S MISSIONARY FUND.

Rangiora, £1 2s. 10d.; Ponsonby, £1 1s. 5d.; Auckland, £1; Lower Hutt, £1; Canvastown, 18s.; Wanganui East, 15s. 8d.; New Plymouth, 13s. 9d.; Stratford, 13s. 3d.; Rakaia and Riccarton, 10s. each; Oxford, 6s. 3d.; Epsom and Waipukurau, 5s. each.

### MAORI FUND.

Auckland and Onehunga, £1 10s. each; Epsom 10s.

### NELLIE BENDELY,

Auckland, N.Z. Treasurer.  
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## YOURS OR MINE?

When the liquor curse is legalized  
It must have its toll of men—

Of the husbands dear, the brothers  
fine—

Say, will they be yours? Or mine?

When the liquor curse is legalized  
It must have its toll of boys—

Of the lads round whom our hopes  
entwine—

Say, will they be yours? Or mine?

When the liquor curse is legalized  
It must have its toll of hearts—

For some hearts must break, and  
some repine—

Say, will they be yours? Or mine?

Ere the liquor curse was legalized  
It garnered its toll of votes—

Of the unused vote, the vote supine—  
Say, did it have yours? Or mine?

That the liquor curse be soon out-  
lawed,

Sisters, let us strive—and pray,

That our God will keep in His love  
divine

All His Sons—both yours and mine.

—Margaret M. K. MacTavish.  
Belleville.

## DECREASE IN PRISON POPULATION.

As a commentary upon the good that the humanitarian Acts put upon the Statute Book in the last 25 years have done, the following remarks by the Governor of Gloucester Gaol, in England, is worth noting.

He gives the following reasons for the decrease of prison population.

1. The Justices' Administration Act enables Justices, instead of sending a man to prison if he had no money to pay the fine, to give him time to pay. This alone had reduced the prison population of the country by 150,000.

2. The Probation Act.

3. The Discharged Prisoners' Aid Society helped men when they went out. Unless a man could obtain a job when he went out, he was hopeless.

The Governor appealed to the Farmer's Union (before which he was speaking) to take men from prison and give them employment. He would only recommend those whom he thought would justify his recommendation.

## OFFENCES AGAINST YOUNG PERSONS.

Some very thought-provoking matter is contained in a report of the Departmental Committee on Sexual Offences against Young People in England. The Committee find out that many men escape, because parents object to a child being brought into court over and over again to give evidence, thus keeping her mind alive to the unpleasant experience. They stress the need of proper accommodation in the courts, also that a child should not be compelled to attend a court many days, owing to the uncertainty as to when her case shall be taken. They emphatically recommend that women should always be present in the court as police, probation officers, jurors, and justices. They recommend that a woman should get an immediate order of separation, with custody of children and maintenance, when the husband has been convicted of an offence against his own daughter.

A divorce, of course, is obtainable on these grounds, but it is a long and expensive process, and would expose the child to further danger.

They recommend that the age of consent should be raised to 17 years; three members disagree with this. The majority (2 dissenting) recommend the abolition of the defence of the "reasonable belief that a girl was 16 years or over," which is now allowed to a man of 23 or under, though abolished for older men.

**APITI**, 1st Thursday, in Presbyterian Church, at 2 p.m. Pres., Mrs Murray; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Gill, Webster, and Couran; Sec., Miss F Malcolm; Treas., Mrs Gould; W.R. Agent, Miss McKenzie.

**ARAMOHO**, 4th Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Presbyterian Church. Pres., Mrs H. Beggs, Glasgow Street; Cor. Sec., Mrs Gilmour, 2 Paterson Street; Rec. Sec., Mrs H. Good, Paterson Street; Treas., Mrs Sleight, Stewart Street; W.R. Agent, Miss N. Gilmour, 2 Paterson Street.

**ASHBURTON**, 1st Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., in Baring Square Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs W. H. Robinson, Hampstead, Ashburton; Sec., Miss Trevurza, 169 Peter Street; Treas., Mrs A. Amos, 165 Peter Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs R. Buxton, Cox Street West, Ashburton.

**AUCKLAND**, second Tuesday Central Mission Hall, Albert Street. Devotional meeting, 2.15 p.m. Pres., Mrs Cook, 17 Esplanade Road, Mt. Eden; Cor. Sec., Miss N. Dewar, Pompallier Terrace, Ponsonby; Rec. Sec., Mrs J. W. Taylor, Sentinel Road, Ponsonby; Treas., Mrs Dowling, 6 Pompallier Terrace; W.R. Agent, Miss Hill, Russell Cres., Ellerslie.

**AUCKLAND Y's**, 1st Thursday each month, 7.30 p.m., in Mrs Lee-Cowie's Gospel Temperance Hall, East Street. Pres., Miss A. M. McLay, 8 Bourne Street, Mt. Eden; Vice-Pres., Mrs Lee-Cowie, Miss Pyle, Mr Polson; Cor. Sec., Miss N. Barry, 1 Haydon Av., Royal Oak; Rec. Sec., Mr L. Davison, 7 Windmill Rd., Mt. Eden; Treas., Mr Thos. Thompson, Y.M.C.A., Auckland; Supt., Miss Read, Whitaker Place, Auckland.