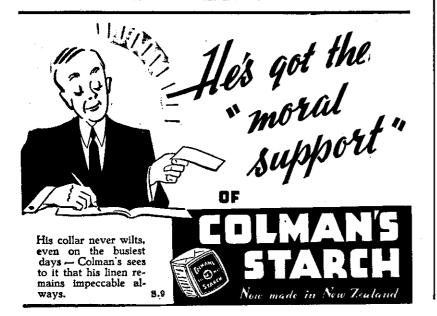


- Believe it or not, there is something wrong-

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TEN POLICEWOMEN IN TRAINING

Some Views On New Zealand's Latest Social Experiment

NO clicking of candid cameras, no civic reception, no Ministerial visit has yet given publicity to New Zealand's newest social experiment—her Women's Police Force. A brief item tucked away in corners of the daily papers announced that ten candidates had been selected and were entering upon their year of preliminary training.

E went to interview the Superintendent of Police. As the agitation for a force of Women Police had come largely from the women of New Zealand, we felt that they would be vitally interested in the progress of the experiment. But the superintendent was not communicative. All we could learn was that the ten were housed in specially-constructed barracks in Newtown, Wellington, that they had plenty of hot water, lots of wood and coal, and lessons in ju-jitsu, and that he had every confidence that they would be a credit to the force. At any rate, their physical well-being is being looked after, we reflected. And such is the interest taken in them by the senior members of the force who are entrusted with their training and such a high standard of character and education has been demanded of the successful applicants that it seems unlikely to the casual observer that any of the ten will fail to qualify at the end of the year.

The Hairdresser Didn't Approve

OUR hairdresser does not approve of women police. "I don't see what use they'd be," he muttered between snips. "They'll probably make themselves ridiculous. Imagine two women trying to run in a drunk!"

We could not imagine it, but neither could we imagine that they would have to deal with any such situation. We decided to talk the matter over with Miss Maud England, who for some years has been vice-president of the National Council of Women, a body which strove for the establishment of the Women's Police Force.

Works Well in Britain

"NATURALLY I approve of the establishment of a Women's Police Force," said Miss England. "You can see how well it has worked in Britain, where the force has grown considerably since its inception. Now women police are being found exceptionally valuable in dealing with war-time problems such as the evacuation of children and the care of the homeless. In New Zealand our problems are not so difficult-we have not the same large population as England and therefore our proportion of crime is smaller. But, in spite of this, there is plenty of work waiting for women police in New Zealand-work which has either not been tackled at all up to now or work which is better tackled by women than by men.

"The policewoman will, of course, concern herself largely with women and children. The problem of hooliganism has not yet been adequately dealt with. We need women on duty in our parks—not after dark as Commandant Mary Allen seems to think desirable (I do not agree with many of her ideas), but in the day-time, to prevent urchins jumping on flower-beds and bigger boys pushing small girls off swings, and to



MISS A. KIRK
"Men are easily hoodwinked"

intervene in street quarrels and prevent blows by finding out the cause of the dispute.

Settling Disputes Out of Court

"I consider it shameful that women accused of wrong-doing should have to be interrogated by men. Once our women police have established themselves, I trust they will take over functions of this kind.

"In cases of domestic unhappiness women will be invaluable. A woman would, I imagine, hesitate to tell the details of her private life to an ordinary policeman. Were a policewoman established in each district, I think it would be possible for many more domestic disputes to be settled out of Court.

"Of course, the policewoman must possess plenty of tact and common sense and have some conception of the whole social fabric of a community. That is why the National Council stream of from the beginning the importance of every candidate having at least a good secondary education and preferably some experience of dealing with people. In Bristol, every policewoman has to take a special course in the University—a course including such subjects as psychology and sociology.

The Right Type

"One of the candidates, I noticed, was an ex-Kindergarten director. It is that type of person we should try to get. She has had lots of experience with children, and her work has also taken her into the homes of her pupils. She has therefore had opportunities of estimating the influence of the various kinds of home-life. I should like to see the district policewoman occupying much the same position in the community as the district nurse. I should like to see (Continued on next page)

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