

WOMAN'S WORK.

The number of medical women now working in military hospitals at Malta is 80. The Royal Army Medical Corps are asking for 50 more medical women for service at Home.

In the Central Telephone Office at Petrograd there are about 1000 women employed. The Imperial Bank employs women by preference, and in the department dealing with the cutting of coupons women are employed exclusively, and the head of the department is also a woman. Women are largely employed at the War Office, at the Ministries of the Interior, Agriculture, Education, Means of Communication, and at the Chancelleries of the Imperial Court and Crown Property.

The Sydney "Sun" says that Mrs Kate Dwyer, who has a seat with life tenure on the Senate of the University of Sydney, is the first woman to fill such a position in the British Dominions.

Mrs Mabel Gilmore Reinecke, of Chicago, has been appointed Secretary to Charles Ringer, recently installed as a member of the Chicago Board of Assessors. This is the first time that a woman has been appointed to such a position in this office.

The Adjutant-General of the Forces of the United Kingdom makes the following statement:—"Women have shown themselves capable of successfully replacing the stronger sex in practically every calling." They are succeeding them in 25 processes in the furniture trade, 78 in beet and shoe-making, 19 in grain milling, and 53 processes in paper making. In some munition factories women labour amounts to 95 per cent. of the total. A well-known member of the Institute of Automobile Engineers says he could build a battleship from keel to aerial, in all its complex details, and ready for trial, entirely by women's labour.

The town of Montpellier has thrown open its higher commercial schools to girls.

The next Montana House of Representatives will have two women members. Both were suffrage workers in the Montana campaign, and one is a well-known member of the W.C.T.U.

Board of Trade figures show that up to last July, 1916, 766,000 women had directly replaced men in the main occupations of Great Britain. The total number of women employed, not including those nursing the sick and wounded, those in domestic service, or small dressmaking establishments, is 3,220,000. Women are employed in light blacksmith's work, loading and discharging trucks, weighing material in copper and sulphur works, moulding, turning, and carrying timber in timber yards. They are employed making gunpowder kegs; they work the cordite presses in gunpowder factories.

The War Office has inaugurated a scheme for employing women in war work in France. They are to be mainly employed as clerks, waitresses, domestics, motor transport checkers, and on telegraph and postal work.

On January 24th, for the first time, a woman presided as Speaker over the Oregon House of Representatives. Speaker Robert Stanfield retired shortly after the session opened, and turned the gavel over to Mrs. Alexander Thompson.

Miss Jeanette Bates has recently been appointed assistant-Attorney-General of Illinois by Edward J. Brundage, the newly-elected Attorney-General. The duties of the new position pertain to the prosecution of violators of State factory laws, and will be particularly interesting to women, as so many children are concerned. The State of Colorado is the only other State which confers a position of this character on a woman.

A Bill enabling women to practise as solicitors was read a second time in the House of Lords this month.

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