

WOMEN AT WORK.

The Institute of Bankers has opened its preliminary examination for the coming year to women.

Some 14,000 women are now at work in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, and 10,000 a month are asked for.

Two women bellringers have been elected members of the Guildford Guild of Change Ringers.

Writing of the refusal to admit women to practise as lawyers, the "Manchester Guardian" says: "The only valid argument against their admission is that the women, or a few of them, would be so good that they would diminish the amount of work available for the men, and the members of the Bar, being good trade unionists, rejected the resolution solely on that account."

Miss Cheesman has been appointed assistant curator in the Zoological Gardens, London. She has charge of three departments.

Two hundred thousand women are now "on the land" in England and Wales.

Messrs Macnamara employ some 30 or 40 women drivers of mail vans, and have now put women in charge of their horses' hospital.

The first four women students have passed their intermediate examination at Punjab University.

The Turkish Government now allow women to study medicine, and also to enter commercial schools as students.

In Germany, the first woman has been given the title of Professor of Music, and the first woman lector has been appointed at Leipzig University.

The first woman branch secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen has been appointed at Ashton-under-Lyne.

Nine women were sworn in at the Guildhall the other day as special constables on the Great Eastern Railway.

The latest statistics announce that since the outbreak of war 1,256,000 men from Britain required at the Front have been directly replaced by women.

Capetown has made a start with three police women, paid by the Government, and three paid by the Municipality.

Women are now able to qualify as architects. The Architectural Association will open its school at 34, Bedford Square, London.

Fifteen women students are receiving the full course of training in agriculture at the Cowra Experiment Farm.

Mrs Mary C. C. Bradford, of Denver, who was elected President of the National Education Association, is the second woman in the world to receive such honour. The first was Mrs Ella Flaggs Young.

THE MOTHERS OF MEN.

The bravest battle that ever was fought!

Shall I tell you where and when?
On the maps of the world you will find it not—

'Tis fought by the mothers of men.

Nay, not with cannon or battle shot,
With sword or nobler pen!

Nay, not with eloquent words or thought
From mouths of wonderful men.

But deep in a walled-up woman's heart—

Of woman that would not yield,
But bravely, silently, bore her part—
Lo, there is that battlefield!

No marshalling troop, no bivouac song.

No banner to gleam and wave;
But oh! these battles, they last
From babyhood to the grave.

Yet faithful still as a bridge of stars,
She fights in her walled-up town—
Fights on and on in endless wars,
Then, silent, unseen, goes down.

Oh, ye with banners and battle shot,
And soldiers to shout and praise!
I tell you the kingliest victories fought
Were fought in these silent ways.

Oh, spotless woman in a world of shame;

With splendid and silent scorn,
Go back to God as white as you came—

The kingliest warrior born!

—Joaquin Miller.

PERSONAL.

(Contributed).

Our readers will be pleased to know that Miss Atkinson (our late Vice-President) though away in England, does not forget New Zealand White Ribboners. Many a par in our "Women at Work" column is sent by her to our Editor, as a clipping from some English paper. Also we have been privileged to read her diary of her trip home, a most interesting account of Panama, and many other places of interest. We wish our much-esteemed friend a speedy and safe return to "God's Own Country."

Our Editor, with her family, has been enjoying a brief holiday at Pukanui. Our Dominion President joined them for a few days, and by swimming, boating, etc., tried to gather strength for the coming labours of Convention.

But our officers also did some work which it was too late to report to our N.Z. Evangelistic Superintendent.

An open-air service is conducted every Sunday evening by the Presbyterians during the holiday season. Mrs Peryman was asked to take the service on January 20th. The people sit in ranks on the grass, row above row on the hillside in a kind of natural amphitheatre, while the preacher stands at the foot. The sea gently murmuring on the strand, and the fishing boats anchored close by, transport one's thoughts to Gallilee, and fill the mind and soul with thoughts of the Great Master, who preached on the shore of the sounding sea.

The next Sunday, our President joined the Editor, and together they sang and talked about the "Wonderful Words of Life" to the large audience, who listened so attentively, and seemed to enjoy the women preachers.

On a previous Sunday, our Editor took the pulpit at the Central Mission, and preached to the largest Methodist congregation in New Zealand, and the same evening, the National President had the pulpit of the Presbyterian Church at Ravensbourne, while the respective ministers were on holiday.

The "White Ribbon" will be posted to any address on receipt of 2s 6d, payable to Mrs Peryman, Port Chalmers.