

ed. We feel convinced that a majority of the electors of this Dominion will turn down the proposal that the State should expend huge sums to buy properties which it does not want.

But the crowning iniquity of this Act is that it allows one proposal (Continuance) to be carried on a minority vote. To secure either Prohibition or State Ownership it is necessary that a majority of the valid votes be cast in favour of the proposal. In the very improbable, though not impossible event of half the electors voting for State Ownership, and the other half voting for Prohibition, neither proposal would be carried, but Continuance, without one vote in its favour, would still continue in force.

State Ownership has very little chance of being carried, but all electors who contemplate voting for it should bear this fact in mind, that in the event of State Ownership failing to secure a majority of the votes, then every vote cast in its favour is practically a vote for Continuance.

The Moderate League has pronounced for State Ownership. Of course it has Continuance. It does not want votes. It can be carried by default. So long as they can secure enough votes for State Ownership they will defeat Prohibition, and carry Continuance.

Be wise in time. Don't let the Moderate League or any other League draw a red herring across the trail. The liquor trade is the enemy we are out to fight, and Prohibition is the only weapon strong enough to kill it.

### IN MEMORIAM.

#### MISS JANE COUPLAND-HARDING.

Miss Harding was one of the oldest members of the Napier Union. Members of the late Convention will remember meeting her there. She was an ardent temperance worker. While assisting to cook at the Technical School last November for victims of the epidemic, she was herself struck down by it, and this doubtless hastened her death, as she never properly recovered from the infection. The members of the local Union sent a beautiful wreath, with a white bow made and wired to rest across the centre.

### WOMAN'S WORK.

Mrs Kate S. Wilder, Treasurer of the North Dakota W.C.T.U., has been elected Commissioner of Police of the city of Fargo, North Dakota.

Women entered the college and elevated it; she entered literature and hallowed it; she came into business life and ennobled it. She will come into the Government and purify it; she will enter politics and cleanse its Stygian pool. Woman will make homelike every place she enters, and she will enter every place on the round earth.

A motion, "That in the opinion of this House, the sex qualification for the exercise of the Parliamentary Franchise should be removed," passed the South African Parliament by a vote of: Ayes 44, Noes 42.

The Woman's Emancipation Bill, which removes all sex disabilities and gives women the same voting qualification as men, passed its second reading in the British House of Commons, in spite of the opposition of the Government. It will probably be modified in the Upper House.

The Attorney-General for New South Wales, Mr D. R. Hall, has introduced into the State Parliament a Bill entitled the Women's Legal Status Bill, which, if passed, will enable a woman:

(a) To be elected or appointed as a member of either of the Houses of Parliament.

(b.) To be elected as Lord Mayor or Alderman of the Municipal Council of Sydney; as Mayor, President, Alderman, or Councillor of any municipality or shire under the laws relating to local government.

(c.) To be appointed a special Magistrate, having jurisdiction only in Children's Courts, or a Justice of the Peace.

(d.) To be admitted and to practise as a barrister or solicitor of the Supreme Court of New South Wales, or to practise as a conveyancer, any law or usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

A Bill has been introduced into the Lower House of the United States Legislature by Mrs Mary M. Lilly, Democratic Assemblywoman, of Manhattan. Its object is to give an il-

legitimate child the name of its father, and to secure for it his care, maintenance and support, as well as an equal share with legitimate children in his estate. Failure of the father to comply with the provisions of the Bill may be punished by a term in gaol.

A Bill has been passed by the Assembly of New York State providing that no more children are to suffer the stain of prison birth. An expectant mother shall be removed to a suitable environment before the birth of a child, and shall remain a sufficient time afterward for her to regain her health.

### FREEDOM.

Men! whose boast it is that ye  
Come of fathers brave and free,  
If there breathe on earth a slave,  
Are ye truly free and brave?  
If ye do not feel the chain,  
When it works another's pain,  
Are ye not base slaves indeed,  
Slaves unworthy to be freed?

Women! who shall one day bear  
Sons to breathe sweet Freedom's air,  
If ye hear, without a blush,  
Deeds to make the roused blood rush  
Like red lava through your veins,  
For your sisters now in chains—  
Answer! Are ye fit to be  
Mothers of the brave and free?

Is true freedom but to break  
Fetters for our own dear sake?  
And with leathern hearts forget  
That we owe mankind a debt?  
No! true freedom is to share  
All the chains that others wear,  
And with heart and hand to be  
Earnest to make others free!

They are slaves who fear to speak  
For the fallen and the weak;  
They are slaves who will not choose  
Hatred, scoffing and abuse,  
Rather than in silence shrink  
From the truth that needs must think;  
They are slaves who dare not be  
In the right with two or three.

—Lowell.

Rejoice when thou dost see  
God take thy things from thee;  
For the greater the loss,  
And the heavier the cross,  
The greater the gain shall be.  
When props are laid low,  
And friends turn to foes,  
'Tis but because now  
God seeth that thou  
No longer on crutches must go.  
Whom here He setteth alone  
Himself is always most near.

—Selected.