

WOMEN POLICE.

List of duties in operation in Glasgow as printed in League of Nations Official Publication *re* Employment of Women in the Police, 1927.

CLASS I.—Work which can obviously be more suitably undertaken by women than men, *i.e.*, sexual offences against and all cases involving women and children, such as :

- (a). Indecent assault ;
- (b). Indecent exposure ;
- (c). Rape and attempt to ravish ;
- (d). Criminal assault and all other offences under the Criminal Law Amendment Acts ;
- (e). Bigamy ;
- (f). Abortion ;
- (g). Concealment of pregnancy ;
- (h). Child murder ;
- (i). Overlaying children ;
- (j). Sudden death of infants ;
- (k). Searching women prisoners ;
- (l). Taking information from female prisoners or witnesses in hospitals or other institutions ;
- (m). Escorting, on all occasions, female prisoners ;
- (n). Assisting in brothel cases ;
- (o). Making inquiries as to the circumstances, etc., of female prisoners awaiting trial ; and
- (p). Inquiries for Ministry of Pensions relating to the behaviour of women pensioners.

CLASS II.—Work suitable for a woman because of her sex, and because, in these particular cases, she would be less noticeable than a man. Such work includes :

- (a). Taking charge of juvenile cases, such as theft, malicious mischief, street trading ;
- (b). Observations in cases of pocket-picking, shop-lifting, stealing, brothels, shebeens, etc. ;
- (c). Visiting dancing halls, picture houses, theatres, music halls, etc. ;
- (d). Making certain inquiries for Government Departments and Police Authorities, ; and
- (e). Fortune-telling, palmistry, etc.

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CLASS III.—Work usually undertaken by men, but equally suitable for women. This relieves the men, and fills in the spare time of the women. Such work includes :

- (a). Patrolling streets, parks, open spaces, etc. ;
- (b). Supervising pawns ;
- (c). Supervising servants' registries ;
- (d). Visiting railway stations, feeing markets, etc., show-grounds ; and
- (e). Making inquiries *re* lost property, pensions, aliens, cases of fraud, cases of common assault on women or girls, street accidents to women and children.

CLASS IV.—Special work, such as :

- (a). Attending to female prisoners in the High Court ;
- (b). Attending at High Court whenever there are female witnesses (Judges have frequently requested the help of the Women Police) ;
- (c). Making inquiries *re* missing relatives, etc.
- (d). Assisting detective officers by typing reports for them when there is a special rush of work ;
- (e). Taking observations in the vicinity of schools *re* molestation of children ; and
- (f). Reporting children found suffering from venereal disease, in immoral or unsuitable surroundings, in a dirty condition, badly cared for, cruelly treated, or mentally defective.

In the districts in which there are Women Police, they attend to their own cases. In other districts the services of a woman are requisitioned through the Criminal Investigation Department.

Weekly reports will be sent to Headquarters.

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