

WOMEN.

3884.—Lady in country reported that she had a servant girl who was being prosecuted by her foster parents. On enquiry it appeared that the girl when nine years of age, had been neglected by her parents and had become chargeable to the district. The overseers of the poor had thereupon sold her maintenance out to the lowest bidder, *i. e.*, they bound her out to a man who was willing to take charge of her until she reached the age of 18 years. The man received a small lump sum and gave a bond that the girl would not become chargeable to the district within the period named. This was in 1880. The girl stated that she was only sent to school for three weeks during the nine years that she was bound out, that she was made to work very hard, she was beaten and cuffed about and not allowed to sit at the table with the other children, and that when she was able she was sent out to service and her wages taken from her, while she was allowed to go about without proper clothes to keep her warm. These facts being corroborated the man was interviewed and warned not to interfere with the girl again. He promised not to do so.

3885.—Woman reports that her husband is continually getting drunk and mis-spending his time. He wants to sell intoxicating liquors illicitly and to keep a "fast" house, and because she will not consent beats and illuses her. They are both past middle age and as they could not agree they determined to separate. A paper to that effect was drawn up and executed by them. The woman now maintains herself by keeping a small shop.

3886.—Woman subject to fits and mother of three children, beaten and illused by husband and allowed to roam the streets in her night clothes while in a semi-unconscious state. When found her body was black and blue from blows and kicks. The case was aggravated from the fact that the beating was given while the woman was in the fit. Husband sent to prison and wife subsequently to an institution, the husband signing a bond to pay for her support.

3932.—Woman beaten and ill-used by husband in the country. Went and prosecuted. Man fined \$2.00 and costs, and bound over to keep the peace for twelve months.

3950.—Father applies for assistance to punish the man who had seduced his daughter. Offered to give a mortgage on his farm to pay expenses. Sent him copy of the laws relating to such cases, and referred him to some solicitor in his neighborhood.

3968.—Woman beaten and ill-used by her husband, and she and her child turned out of doors on cold winter's night. Conducts a business and supports herself and family and husband also. He is an able-bodied man