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WOMEN AND THE LAND.

GOOD WORK DONE IN WEST SUSSEX.

In the latter part of last year the Countess of March was asked by the Board of Trade to form a Women's Agricultural Committee for West Sussex, to work in conjunction with the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries under Lord Selborne's scheme to promote the employment of women in agriculture during the war.

Early in this year the work was actually commenced, and as the result of the efforts of the Committee, the latest returns show that over 2,000 women have registered their names for work on the land, and of this number over 1,000 are actively at work in dairy work, rearing calves, hay harvesting, fruit picking, poultry farming, etc. Many are giving whole time labour, and others part time. The farmers generally express their great satisfaction at the work done by these women. This is a very creditable record considering that West Sussex is the smaller half of the county and contains no really large towns.

The green armlets issued by the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries are much appreciated by the women, who are proud to show that they are doing their bit for their country.