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THE POLL OF 1911.

AND now what remaineth? After the prayers, the hopes, and the arduous work of the past months there remaineth only the momentous matter of voting. Everything else is of no avail unless our sympathisers go to the poll and record their votes in the right way. At all times and seasons, the one great purpose until election day is to influence votes for the right side. *Prayer, Faith, and Works.* There is no room for laggards in our ranks.

" 'Tis not in mortals to command success;
But we'll do more, Sempronius,—
We'll deserve it!"

ABOUT MAINE.

MRS L. M. N. STEVENS, United States President, writes from Maine:—

"Our battle has ended with *VICTORY* for the cause of Prohibition, and our law will be retained in the Constitution of the State."

ON THE EVE OF THE BATTLE.

13 Littlebourne Crescent,
Dunedin. Nov. 3, 1911.

Dear Crusaders,

This is probably the last time I shall send a word of greeting to you on behalf of our Women's Crusade, for before the next issue is in print the fight will most likely be over. The burning question which is now uppermost in our minds is: What will the issue of the conflict be? Shall we win the victory? The answer rests largely with the women of the Dominion. Remember the last clause of our Crusader's pledge: *I will try to induce others to vote for No-License and Dominion Prohibition.* If from now on to the polling-day every woman induces one other and she in turn influences only one more, we shall easily win the victory.

Dear Fellow-Crusaders, we are fighting in a cause worthy of our highest endeavour, worthy of the very best we can put into it. Are we prepared for sacrifice? Are we ready for any manner of service, wherever our Captain may beckon us? Remember ever that the Lord our God, He it is that doth go before us. Our Great Leader is counting on the help of the women of New Zealand. Let it not be laid to our charge that we came not to the help of the Lord against the mighty. In the recent fight and victory in Maine, Mrs Lillian Stevens, President of the Maine W.C.T.U. and General-in-Chief of the White Ribbon Army of the United States, said that any Maine Union which had any money left in its treasury on Sept. 11th or one ounce of strength among its members, would have cause to be ashamed of itself. Are we giving, working, and praying as the women of Maine did? One prominent fea-

ture of the Maine victory was the holding of Prayer-meetings every evening. On election day some Churches were open all day and continuous prayer-meetings were held from six in the morning, with an hourly change of leader and an hourly ringing of the Church bell. Now is the time to prove the faithfulness of our God. We KNOW that God is on our side: therefore we should march forward with confidence of victory. Let us wait on God in earnest expectancy while we do our utmost to achieve the victory we desire. It was stated almost without exception by the papers of Maine that the women had been the biggest factor in the great campaign and in the winning of victory. One of the papers made this comment before the final results appeared:—"The women have been aroused. They have appealed to moral sentiment. And moral sentiment is going to conquer. If Prohibition triumphs, it will be due to the women. When the women appeal to moral sentiment as they have appealed in Maine, the battle is more than half won."

Shall the women of New Zealand lag behind the women of Maine in enthusiasm and moral courage, and above all in a sublime faith in God? They won in the face of a terrible assault by the liquor makers and liquor sellers, and their victory is proof that greater is He that is with us than those that be against us. The final overthrow of the drink traffic in these fair Islands is as sure as the fact that God is on the Throne and that His cause must triumph.

For right is right, since God is God,
And right the day must win;
To doubt would be disloyalty,
To falter would be sin.

Let us see to it that we are found fighting on the side of God. *On whose side are YOU?*

Yours in the fight,

ANNIE J. P. DRIVER,
Supt. of Women's Crusade.

At the Anglican Conference, Cambridge, Waikato, on August 25th, considerable discussion took place on the No-License question and the attitude of the Church. Several clergy strongly favoured No-License, one stating it was time the Church got off the fence,