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HALT!

The canvassing with petitions,
 which formed the first half of our bat-
 tle, is over, and we are waiting now
 to know whether we have succeeded;
 whether the Government will grant the
 earnestly and insistently demanded
 poll.

The time of waiting should not be
 spent in idleness, but in preparation
 for the next advance.

See that all over 21 are enrolled.
 Do your best to educate voters to the
 evils of the traffic, and the great and
 urgent necessity we are under to ban-
 ish it before our boys come back.
 Treat it as an important matter; be
 zealous and let our zeal enthuse others.

Above all let us remember the words
 of our Crusade Psalm: "Put not thy
 trust in Princes." Let us put our
 trust in the Living God in whose
 hands are the hearts of all men.

As never before let us pray devoutly
 and hammer away stoutly.

CALLED TO HIGHER SERVICE.

MRS T. MASON.

Mrs Mason, Vice-President, and for
 many years an active and faithful
 member of the Auckland District
 W.C.T.U., passed suddenly and
 quietly away in her sleep on Septem-
 ber 11th, at her residence. The news
 came as a great shock to the officers
 and members of the Union, as Mrs
 Mason was very busy almost to the
 last moment securing signatures for
 the petition. She had set her heart
 on obtaining 1000 signatures by her
 own personal effort. Mrs Mason was
 of a genial and generous nature, full
 of zeal for every good cause for the
 uplifting of humanity, especially in
 the Temperance cause. Her loss will
 be keenly felt.

A very impressive service was con-
 ducted by the Rev. Ralph Gebbie at
 the Church of Christ, Ponsonby Road,
 where our sister was a member and
 ardent worker. The church was beau-
 tifully and suitably decorated in black
 and purple and fragrant violets.

She was laid at rest in the pretty
 Purewa Cemetery, the service at the
 grave being conducted by Rev. P. S.
 Smallfield, President N.Z. Alliance. A
 large number of friends and Temper-
 ance workers attended the funeral to
 pay the last tribute to one who was
 much loved and esteemed for her ster-
 ling Christian character and work.
 The wreaths were many and beautiful.
 As our late beloved sister lay in the
 coffin our little White Ribbon badge
 was pinned to her breast. She has
 gone to her reward, and we mourn
 the loss of a stalwart in our ranks.
 We trust that others may catch the in-
 spiration of her heroic spirit, and
 come to fill the gap in the line. We
 sympathise with her family, who

mourn the loss of a loving and devoted
 mother.

"Blessed are the dead that die in
 the Lord. They rest from their
 labours, and their works do follow
 them."

MRS BROWN.

Delegates to the Auckland Conven-
 tion will remember Mrs Brown, who
 represented Morrinsville Union. They
 will regret to hear that our sister, after
 a period of weakness and suffering,
 was called up higher. She was very
 earnest and faithful, and one whose
 loss will be much felt. Few who
 listened to her emphatic words and
 noted her earnest attention at Con-
 vention will ever forget her. To her
 sorrowing husband we tender the sin-
 cere sympathy of White Ribbon sisters.

MRS WILSON.

We sincerely sympathise with Mrs
 Duxfield, President of our Wanganui
 East Union, in the loss of her
 mother, Mrs Wilson. Mrs Wilson
 was a valued and sympathetic worker;
 little children loved her as a dear and
 understanding friend. Though frail
 for some time, it was only during her
 last month that our friend's condition
 caused anxiety. After a period of
 much weariness and discomfort, her
 bright and happy spirit passed home
 during her sleep. "The memory of
 the just is blessed."

HABIT.

What is a habit? 'Tis a fettering
 chain
 That binds the struggling spirit to
 the earth;
 A hampering weight that clogs aspir-
 ing worth,
 And makes its brightest visions all
 in vain;

A blighting pall whose midnight
 depths detain,
 And quench each glowing fervor at its
 birth;
 A serpent coil within whose monstrous
 girth
 Is crushed each noblest impulse of the
 brain.

What is a habit? 'Tis a silver thread
 That links the soul to possibility;
 A magic stone that turns the baser
 lead
 Of evil bent to golden tendency;
 A precious stepping-stone from low to
 high;
 A Jacob's ladder stretching to the sky.
 —J. Forsyth Smith, in "Nautilus."