

needed. Women have at last been given the right to vote. Their opportunities and their responsibilities are great indeed. In ordinary times the Temperance question is to us the all-important one, and we are justified in making it so, especially at a general election. Whether we have the right to make it now the **only** thing worth voting for is a different question, in view of the national crisis through which we are passing. Women for years and years have demanded and pleaded, worked and prayed for the vote. They have won it at the most critical moment of the world's history. Have they now the right to withhold their influence, their support, their vote—in any way to stand aside while the forces of righteousness are fighting the powers of darkness for their very existence and for the freedom of the whole world? During the war the women of England have used their powers with magnificent success, and now they have the added one of the vote there is little doubt but that they will eagerly use the ballot-box as a means to ensure and hasten that complete victory which alone can bring us a lasting peace. God speed that day.—Yours sincerely,

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THAT MAN IS KING WHO KNOWS THAT LOVE IS GOD.

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PERTINENT QUESTIONS.

The following questions were asked the Premier by the Rev. R. S. Gray, President of N.Z. Alliance, on the occasion of the presentation of our petition to the Cabinet:—

1. Did a transport, which came recently in the harbour, carry a cargo of 50,000 cases or casks of whisky?

2. Was that cargo broached during the passage, and as a consequence of this broaching of cargo, were some of the firemen and crew so drunk that the ship was delayed two or three days, and did some of the passengers have to help in the working of the ship?

3. Was legitimate cargo kept out of this ship at the other end to accommodate the whisky?

4. Would Ministers, as the responsible heads of the Government, refuse to allow whisky to be brought into this country at the present time? Whisky was a non-essential, and essential things were being kept out of the country.

5. Were any of the soldiers on the transport referred to court-martialled because they would not consent to act as guards over his liquor?

6. Was it not true that the captain of another vessel, which, on a recent trip to this country, brought whisky and men out, said when he arrived here, "I am prepared to risk my life in mine-strewn and submarine-infested waters to bring men back to this country, for which they have risked their lives; I am prepared to risk my life to bring food supplies; but I am not prepared to risk my life in these dangerous waters to bring whisky to this country"? And was it not true that this captain had resigned upon his return, absolutely refusing to bring out another cargo of whisky?

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