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The following cablegrams were received by our President, Mrs Don.

"Best wishes complete victory from
Queensland.

"WILLIAMS,
"State President."

"Woman's Christian Temperance
Union, Victoria, wishes you success.
"REES."

AFTER THE BATTLE.

The fight is over, the issue still unsettled. The soldiers' vote has proved the deciding factor. So far as present figures show, the trade has secured a huge majority of the boys' votes. A Prohibition majority of over twelve thousand in this Dominion has been reduced to a minority of 4000 by the soldiers' vote. More votes are still to

come in, and whichever wins it will only be by a narrow majority.

Apart from the soldiers' vote the figures so far recorded for the Dominion are most interesting. Otago and Southland secured a large majority for Prohibition; had other areas polled as well, the issue would not be in doubt. Dunedin gave a large vote against the trade, the only one of the four cities which did so. Mt. Eden and Port Chalmers secured the largest dry majorities, each winning by a 5-to-3 vote.

Are we downhearted? No! If beaten this time, we will rally for the next fight. We make no compromise with this infamous traffic. It is a fight to the finish. Next time we meet in conflict there will be no question of compensation involved. The present Act contains no time compensation, and so never again will we have to do violence to our feelings by offering a money compensation in lieu of a time compensation.

Next time there will be no soldiers' vote as such. Our boys will be at home and under home influences. We have tried to shield the boys from the liquor traffic, and if we fail it will be by their own vote. They have given their allegiance to the trade, and how will they be repaid? Alas! We fear the trade will bring them ruin, disgrace, disease, and death. If we have failed this time, we must organise at once for the next battle; ultimate defeat is impossible.

"It matters not how deep entrenched
the wrong;

How hard the battle goes, the day how
long;

Faint not; fight on; to-morrow comes
the song

Be strong! Be strong!"

We must slacken no effort. "In
quietness and confidence shall be our
strength." Everyone must gird on the
armour.

"Get into the fight! Time wings its
flight.

Get into the fight to-day!

There is work to do, and the call means
you.

Get into the fight to stay."

A PROPOSED WOMAN'S CHARTER

To be presented to the Peace Congress, sitting in Paris, January 19, 1919, and to be recommended to the consideration of the League of Nations, if such a body is formed.

1. That courts be set up, especially in the East of Europe, to trace and rescue missing women—captured, stolen, or deported—and to establish the responsibility for these outrages, it being manifestly impossible for the relatives of injured women, many of whom are the humblest peasants, to bring cases and provide evidence themselves for the recovery of their women.

2. That in all the newly-freed territories, and in all the lands whose integrity has to be guaranteed by the Great Powers, some sort of official machinery—to be determined within the territory itself—be set up to enable unenfranchised women to set forth their needs, and to protect their interests in regard to social conditions and legislation.

3. That all customs, whether social, religious, or domestic, which entail the sale, barter or disposal of women and girls—in marriage or otherwise—without their consent at a mature age, be decreed to be outside international law, and that any woman or girl victims of such customs, or any friends on their behalf, may make appeal for their protection to the laws and enactments under which traffic in human slaves has been abolished.

4. That the nationality of women shall be placed in a position of independence as absolute as that of men, without regard to any such considerations as marriage, or the naturalisation or denaturalisation of husbands, and that nothing but a woman's own deliberate choice and declaration shall affect her nationality.

5. That the same recognition and protection accorded to claims put forward by nationalities or by Labor be accorded to these demands of civilised women for their sex.

THE VOTER'S COUNCIL OF
GREAT BRITAIN.

Jus Suffragii.

Temperance Text Book for Peru.—The Government of Peru has offered a prize of 500 dollars for the best text book teaching temperance for use in the public schools.

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