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THE POWER OF A NOBLE LIFE (By Mrs. S. A. Lowell.)

We are met here tonight to pay a loving tribute to the great heart and mind of a woman, the influence of whose life has been felt in all parts of the world. It is well to dwell upon the life and labors of so great a woman as Frances E. Willard whose name appears in history among the honored of our land.

I shall pass over her childhood and young girlhood and shall speak of her life and work during her mature years preceding her death thirteen years ago the 17th of this month.

From her father, Miss Willard inherited her deep religious nature and unusual powers of thought and speech and from her mother, the loving quick sympathy of a great heart. These gifts with her nurture and training prepared her to meet and help the sorrowing, suffering and sinful. How great she grew in gentleness, simplicity and trustfulness.

Miss Willard began her public life first, as a teacher in a little country school at Harlem, a few miles from Chicago; then as preceptress of Genesee Wesleyan Seminary and later as the first president of the Evanston college for ladies. The first catalogue published by this college contains a statement from the president, Miss Willard, concerning her plan for self-government and among other things we notice these: "The general basis of government in this institution is that merit shall be distinguished by privilege. Scholarship does not enter into the requirements of admission—character is placed above all competition here.

Another friend has said of her: "Miss Willard has been to me the embodiment of all that is lovely and good and womanly and strong and tender and noble in human nature. She is one of God's best gifts to the American women of the nineteenth century. She has done more to enlarge our sympathies, widen our outlook and develop our gifts than any many or any other woman of her time."

After a short time spent abroad with her friend, Miss Kate A. Jackson, she returned to her native land and on her way home while visiting in Cambridge, Mass., Miss Willard received two important letters on the same day. One was from the Rev. Dr. Van Norman of New York city offering her the position of principal in his elegant school for young ladies with a salary of \$2400, and one from Mrs. Louise Rounds of Chicago, begging her to take the presidency of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Chicago, with an inadequate salary. This noble-hearted woman did not hesitate a moment but at once declined the splendid offer of Dr. Van Norman and accepted that of Mrs. Rounds. This was her choice of a career and she says: "No words can adequately characterize the change wrought in my life by this decision. Instead of peace I was to participate in war; instead of the sweetness of home, never more dearly loved than I had loved it, I was to become a wanderer on the face of the earth; instead of libraries, I was to frequent public halls and railway cars; instead of scholarly and cultured men, I was to see the dregs of the saloon and gambling house and haunt of shame. But women who were among the fittest gospel survivals were to be my comrades; little children were to be gathered from near and from far in the Loyal Temperance Legion and whoever keeps such company should sing a psalm of joy, solemn as it is sweet. Hence I have felt that great promotion came to me when I was counted worthy to be a worker in the organized crusade for 'God and Home and Native Land; Temporary differences may seem to separate some of us for awhile, but I believe with all my heart that farther on we shall be found walking once more side by side."

around movement can only be carried forward by all-round advocates; a scientific age requires the study of every subject in its correlations. It was once supposed that light, heat and electricity were wholly separate entities; it is now believed, and practically proved, that they are but different modes of motion. Standing in the valley, we look up and think we see an isolated mountain; climbing to its top we see that it is but one member of a range of mountains, many of them of well-nigh equal altitude.

"Let us not be disconcerted, but stand bravely by the blessed trinity of movements, prohibition, woman's liberation and labor's uplift. 'Everything is not in the temperance reform, but the temperance reform should be in everything. 'Organized mother-love is the best definition of the white ribbon movement, and it can have no better motto than: Make a chain, for the land is full of bloody crimes and the city of violence."

Sympathetic, tender, refined, educated, one who loved her home and enjoyed its protection, professor, journalist, author, she gave up all of these stepping stones to great achievement in a cause that seemed her pre-eminence; that other women might enjoy the blessings of an unbroken and virtuous home and the protection and pure love of a husband, father or brother.

She had unusual executive and administrative ability yet she could not have been divinely blessed with those qualities of mind and heart that reflect the spirit of Jesus. Our beloved poet Whittier beautifully sang of her: "She knew the power of banded ill, But felt that love was stronger still, And organized for doing good, The world's united womanhood."

Statesmen, warriors and patriots may strive and build and achieve but all in vain unless they regard the eternal moral verities and conserve the true, happiness and highest welfare of mankind. Miss Willard shaped every purpose, bent every energy and gave her whole life to bring about this happiness and welfare. It was her divinely inspired aim to "Cheer the weak ones who are bending. 'Neath this weary burden now; Lift the pallid faces upward, Smooth the careworn, furrowed brow; Send a bright and hopeful message To each tried and tempted thrill, That the thick and gloomy shadows At that sunshine may depart."

In her last message to her white ribbon sisters around the world she says: "God has given the mother-heart for purposes of wider blessing to humanity than it has dreamed as yet. Let us go gently forward until that loving, faithful heart shall be enthroned in the places of power; until the queens of home are queens indeed."

And best of all, the hands of Him whose gospel has lifted us up in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, of Him who was a brother to the Marys, and who, in the hour of his mortal agony, did not forget his mother—that pierced hand points the way."

We shall pay her the highest tribute and do her the greatest honor when we learn to love humanity as she loved and serve as she served. "She is at home among her kindred, and beckons us onward, upward, heavenward." Her last words were "How beautiful it is to be with God." And this was true in life as well as in death.

But I think if she were to speak to us today she would say: "Needs there the praise of the love-written record, The name and the epitaph grave on the stone? The things we have lived for—yet them be our story. We ourselves but remembered by what we have done. Not myself, but the truth that in life I have spoken, Not myself, but the seed that in life I have sown, Shall pass on to ages—all about me forgotten, Save the truth I have spoken the things I have done."

The world is better because Francis E. Willard lived. And though our eyes do not behold her, yet she will live forever in the hearts of the white ribbon sisters all over our land. —Written for the Francis E. Willard memorial service, Pendleton, Feb. 24, 1911.

Life Saved at Death's Door. "I never felt so near my grave," writes W. R. Patterson of Wellington, Tex., as when a frightful cough and lung trouble pulled me down to 100 pounds in spite of doctors' treatment for two years. My father, mother and two sisters died of consumption and that I am alive today is due solely to Dr. King's New Discovery, which completely cured me. Now I weigh 187 pounds and have been well and strong for years. Quick, safe, sure, it's the best remedy on earth for coughs, colds, la grippe, asthma, croup and all throat and lung troubles. 50c and \$1. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by Koepsen.

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Representative of Montana Beef Company Gives Out Statement—Urges Stockmen to Raise More Cattle.

Robert H. Jones, vice president for Montana and the Northwest Livestock association, in which he represents the beef and cattle interests, declared in an interview while in Spokane that he has not seen a time in the last 20 years when western cattle were as scarce as they are today.

"It is about time that the stock-growers and farmers in the Northwest and Pacific states started in to raise more cattle," he added. "We are getting better prices for our stock at home than at the Chicago stock yards. This proves that the western country is shorter on beef cattle than any other district. Our growers should take advantage of this peculiar state of affairs."

"I can see no good reason why the farmers in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana should pass up the cattle business. Of course, it requires money to go into the industry on a large scale, but every farmer in the western country should raise a few head, at least. That would relieve the shortage and bring more money into the country. Now is the time to raise cattle."

Mr. Jones, who is a member of the firm of Jones & Bales, operating in the Big Hole basin, announced that his company will exhibit 100 head of hay fed steers from the basin country at the Northwest Fat Livestock show in Portland, Ore., March 20 to 22, also showing the cattle in the East Spokane yards a week earlier.

"Our cattle have never fed on anything but wild hay, which is growing on our 6,400 acre ranch under irrigation," he added. "It is all wild hay. We believe we can raise a steer on wild hay for one-third of the cost of producing a corn-fed steer in Iowa and Nebraska. We expect to demonstrate the high quality of hay-fed steers at the Portland show, which I believe will be largely attended."

TO UPBUILD INDUSTRY ON PACIFIC COAST

Capitalists in England and ship-builders in Scotland will combine their gold and skill with American brains and money in the upbuilding of the mercantile marine and industries in the Pacific coast and slope country if P. H. W. Ross, president of the chamber of commerce at Ellensburg, Wash., a member of the National Geographical society, is successful in his mission in Great Britain. Mr. Ross has applied certain basic laws of ethnology to the growth and expansion of the industries in the United States in working out his theory in which it is attempted to show how the United States, having started as a maritime nation, has passed into and through the state of continental development and now encounters a maritime civilization. While in Spokane on the way east Mr. Ross said that the call of the West can lure no further in America, adding: "It must take the restless and progressive ones to China and Japan. The rehabilitation of our merchant marine is imperative, and our industrial and commercial growth demands it."

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GOING TO GERMANY FOR FARMERS' WIVES

Eugene Beck, a bonanza wheat rancher in the Big Bend district, west of Spokane, will sail for Luxemburg on the good ship Amerika, leaving New York on March 2, returning early in April with a bevy of young German women, whose sweethearts are farming in eastern Washington. While in Spokane arranging for steamship tickets and railroad transportation for the party, Beck mentioned that helpmeets for the German farmers in the Big Bend country are in demand, adding that when he spoke of going back to the fatherland on a visit more than a dozen of bachelors begged him to find wives for them. Beck intimated that he will marry the girl of his choice while abroad. The bachelors, who are counting the days when Mr. and Mrs. Beck will return to Washington with the party of German girls, are preparing an elaborate reception and entertainment, at which it is expected the engagements of 40 couples will be publicly announced.

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