



In Memoriam.

FRANCES E. WILLARD.

The best-loved women in the world and the God-given leader of humanity's causes has been promoted to heavenly ministries, her efforts to be no more succeeded by weariness. It was the privilege of a life-time to have known and loved Frances E. Willard, and evermore through life, the memory of her sweet thoughtfulness, her devotion and sublime faith will hallow and inspire every thought and deed. Apt, witty, with yearning tenderness and yet with inspiring hope she pleaded in her public addresses. With careful thought and marvellous executive ability she brought to a successful issue the work of the greatest woman's organization the world has ever seen. The giving of *herself* to the work at her hand was one of the secrets of her power. She always had time to take the hand of some white-ribboner, and whisper words of sympathetic cheer, and as some said to whom she had spoken such words: "She made me feel as though she had always thought about me, and always would." It will ever be a cause for profound gratitude to the Toronto White-ribboners that theirs was the privilege of entertaining Miss Willard at the great gathering of the World's W.C.T.U. in October, 1897. Her heritage to us, is the work of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union for the protection and exaltation of the home in purity and righteousness, and let us evermore follow in her blessed footsteps that "All may find a God in Heaven, a Fatherland on earth.