

ing one arm about her, and clasping her hand, she stood by her side before us, and with voice rendered almost inarticulate by emotion, complimented the Association on its continued choice, and called her affectionately, "Our Queen Isabel." This queen is indeed a most gracious and graceful lady, and presides with sweet dignity.

Returning from this meeting we had a glimpse of old-time display, for descending the great flight of stone steps in front of St. Paul's Cathedral, were several men dressed in bright red robes, trimmed with ermine fur, wearing white, curled and powdered wigs and assiduously attended. They entered gilded chariots, with two coachmen and two footmen, dressed in blue and gold, with white curled wigs and three cornered hats, and knee breeches and long pink stockings, and low buckled shoes, while men on horseback rode in advance. We learned it was the Lord Mayor and some other of the city dignitaries.

We entered the cathedral and listened to the vesper service, after wandering about the great and intensely interesting building, which was commenced in the fourteenth century. It seems to us a marvel of architecture, with a grand and beautifully painted dome. The side aisles are broad, entered between massive stone pillars the full length of the building, and are full of marble statuary in likeness of departed heroes. The building is of white stone, but very much blackened by the storms of time. And the stained glass windows—so sombre looking from the outside—are very beautiful when looked at from within with the light of heaven shining through. They describe scenes in the life of Jesus, commemorating some of his lowly deeds of love and self-sacrifice. And a sweet thought cheered us, that so it will be with our small and homely efforts for our own welfare, and for the help of others; for if inspired, as all right action *must* be, by the heavenly spirit, they will shine in glorified light

and their influence will extend in ever widening circles.

The World's W. C. T. Convention was held in large halls, delegates from many nations were present, white ribbons are worn, and large wreathes and bouquets of white flowers decorate the platforms.

Flags of different nations and associations adorn the pillars, while above and behind the speaker's desk is stretched the motto: We wage our peaceful war for God, and home, and every land." A cablegram from Canada, and one from New Zealand were received and read, and the earnest utterance of instructive, helpful sentiments inspire with fresh courage in the prosecution of all thought and all labor for the benefit of humanity. Excepting Lady Somerset, the speakers from America are acknowledged to be the greatest orators. They urge womanly efforts through every avenue which they may command, for the abolition of the demoralizing traffic in intoxicating liquors and opium, for that social purity which requires as high a standard for man as for woman, and demand that they shall be allowed to help make the laws which will bring about this happy condition.

While outside, and, intervening between the addresses and the burst of "praise to Him from whom all blessings flow," because of the growth of the good work and the sympathy of the nations, we hear the lovely chiming of the bells of St. Paul's, mingled with the roar of passing vehicles—the city's thunder.

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SIXTH QUERY.

Essay on the forepart of Sixth Query of Illinois Yearly Meeting Discipline, read at the Monthly Meeting of Friends, held at Benjaminville, Ill., 7th mo. 13, 1895.

Sixth Query,—Do our members maintain a faithful testimony in favor of a free gospel ministry resting on divine qualification alone? Do they bear testimony against oppression,