

God, just so long must the work so on. After the close of the hour of prayer, 11 A. M., Dr. Jennie K. Trout, President of the Toronto Union, gave the following address of welcome :

MRS. PRESIDENT AND DEAR SISTERS :

It affords me great pleasure, in the name of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, of Toronto, to extend to you a most hearty welcome, not only to our beautiful city, but to our homes, and to our hearts. This welcome, which we so heartily extend to you, is not called forth by motives of personal friendship, (though some of our Union have dear friends among the delegates here assembled,) but it is called forth because we, as lovers of humanity, temperance and christianity, long to put forth more united and powerful effort against that "traffic" which is the enemy of all. We know full well that so long as the liquor traffic is entrenched behind society, custom, and law, just so long will our hearts be harrowed by scenes of misery and wretchedness, our Poor-houses be filled with paupers, our country overrun with tramps, our gaols and penitentiaries overflow with criminals, and the victims of rum will swing from the scaffolds of Justice. Much can be done by individual effort to relieve the distress, produced by *this traffic*, which so fearfully curses our country; but in order to reduce and suppress it, it is necessary that we should have a *united, powerful and continued* effort put forth, not only by the men, but especially by the women; the Christian women of every city, town, village and rural district in our country. The work of organization was successfully begun one year ago, when you met in convention by invitation of the W. C. T. U. of Toronto. We meet to continue and complete that work, and I trust that throughout these meetings we will earnestly and prayerfully work towards that great end. United and thoroughly organized under such a leader as our talented, God-fearing, God-loving, President, what may not, what *will* not the "Women's Christian Temperance Union" of Canada be enabled, under God's blessing, to accomplish against this monster evil which is oppressing our country, ruining many homes, and destroying many souls.

We are pleased to have Miss Willard here to help, encourage, and counsel us. She has had extensive experience; her reputation as an earnest worker and an able orator, extends, not only from ocean to ocean in her own country, but she is also known throughout the various Provinces of our Dominion. Although, we are, as yet a Provincial Union, I trust that ere long, our sister Provinces will unite with us to form a Canadian Union.

Our sisters in the Western States have shown us a good example. They have demonstrated, and are demonstrating what a powerful influence the women of a country wield, when they organize their forces and work unitedly. The influence of the National W. C. T. U. of the United States, is not confined to their own country, large as it