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FRANCESE. WILLARD

BY MRS. L. M. N. STEVENS.

"Tell everybody to be good," were the words which fell from the lips of the only and beloved sister of Frances Willard, as she was about to pass through the "valley and shadow of death" to the Celestial Home.

Let us briefly review the life of the one who may safely be called the greatest among the women of this century. She was born in Churchville, N. Y., her parents removing to Oberlin, O., when she was three years old, remaining five years, and then spending the next thirteen years on a farm in Wisconsin.

Miss Willard attended Catharine Beecher's school and the University at Evanston, Ill.; after which she engaged in teaching several years; 1868-'70 she spent in study at Paris, Berlin and Rome. After her return she was elected President of the Woman's College at Evanston, and there her rare genius developed many plans which have blessed that and many kindred institutions.

More than 2,000 pupils had been under her care and instruction previous to the year 1874, when there came to her to call from the Great Heart of God to go out into broader fields, a teacher still, an instructor in the great underlying principles of goodness and true greatness. Thus, from the beginning of the Crusade movement, (known a little later as the Woman's Christian Temperance Union), has Miss Willard been connected with the society; a society which now has 10,000 auxiliaries, and a membership of over 200,000.

She has made several trips to the South and more than any other has broken down the barriers which separated the North and the South—leading a prominent Southern woman to say: "At last we are conquered—Miss Willard has won our hearts; and because of this to-day their hearts are very like our hearts in this great warfare against the liquor traffic."

Everything was refused. "Now, then, my brave boys," he declared, in the tones of the stage agent, "prepare a stretcher for me!" "Stretchers" were the canvas biers to carry out of battle wounded men.

He raised his carbine, feebly resolving to kill some one or to fire it off at least, and as he stepped, on foot and crutch, toward the centre of the barn, to be farthest from men's aiming, a friction match was scratched behind him, as if his broken bones had rasped each other, and sent a cold chill up his spine.

He turned and saw the barn on fire! A lighted whip of straw, twisted by some one without, had fallen into the loose hay, and some brush piled against the outside of the barn was also afire. The warm flame for a single instant carried the odor and crackle of his father's log cabin to his heart, and he shouted as his crutch fell from under his arm and left him helpless.

The cricket ceased to sing, though everything beside came forth in the bright light, till what had been the throne of a gloom stood revealed in the blessed implements and yield of husbandry, and there were wafts flying around their nests in the roof, scenting flame, and in the litter of the floor ran rats in single file, all slyly, as from a sinking ship, and one squealed as it crossed his shadow like an old witch in an insatiation scene.

The plow and the harrow teeth took a ruddy gleam; some swallows in the timbers flew round and round, blinded by the fire, and the pegs for tobacco and the burning tobacco leaves grew to be ferns and scallops of gold as they hung, in spectacles, around the desperate man.

He had seen fires upon the stage and helped to stamp them out, and he limped toward the greater flame near a corner; but suddenly a great tongue of fire licked him and singed him as if Cerberus at hell's door had fondled on him with a furnace tongue!

Fear seized him and he ran toward the door on mistletoe beams—the door held open as by some invisible angel—as he ran the ponderous beams and trees in the structure seemed to fall upon his skull and smash it like an egg.

Booth next fell water in his face, and two men were holding him up and searching his body and putting their fingers in his brain.

"It's here," said one, "right where he shot the president, behind the ear and on the same side, and here it comes through!" Inraging torments he discerned before him two men in Confederate dress, all shown by the light of the burning barn, which was reflected in the homestead porch he lay upon.

"Did — he — betray — me?" sighed Booth, pointing to one of these, the other who had brought him to the house,

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