

California, Texas, or the Dakotas? As Miss Willard says: "It is the *esprit de corps* that will do us good;" the turning of all our faces toward one point, and uniting our hands in one grand endeavor. It belongs to *us*, and we belong to it—Headquarters belongs to every W. C. T. U. woman of Toronto—and if all the good women of Toronto belonged to the W. C. T. U., what magnificent headquarters we could have, and what grand work we could accomplish for God, home and humanity.

Shall we not make a tremendous effort to increase our membership this year? But, whether we be many or few, we must not relax our efforts until every dollar of indebtedness is cancelled, and we can say "We owe no man anything, but to love one another." Then, I am sure, we will not cease to pray that the blessing of the Lord may rest and abide upon everything that may be planned within its walls—that it may be as a light in a dark place, its blessed work apparent to all. When we gain possession, I hope it will be possible to maintain the noontide hour of prayer, and evening Bible-classes and evangelistic services. Then there ought to be a library for the use of the members, and a reading-room that will serve as a safe retreat for the dear girls who now spend their evenings promenading the streets. There will be room for the Provincial and Dominion literature, and ample accommodation for the "Y's"; for their cooking schools, and night-schools, their flower mission workers and Bands of Hope, for anything and everything their wisdom and ingenuity may devise. I trust they and we will be very happy in the new home, and that their work and ours will so increase and grow that a more commodious one may be required (and when required, forthcoming); and, as the years come and go, may each succeeding one find us still advancing, until victory shall crown our efforts and God shall say, "Well done!"

It is an inspiration to feel that in our organization there is ample room for growth and expansion. We are not confined to few and narrow paths. Every one may find a place suited to her taste or talent; special work awaits the specialist, and for the one who "does not know how to do anything," something helpful can always be found. Strange there should be any willing to be "counted out" of such an army; yet, excellent as the organization is, there are some who think they see grave defects, in that it embraces *too much*, and so they advocate doing away with some of the departments they consider unimportant or unnecessary, such as Heredity and Franchise. Franchise, they say, should be left with the Woman's Enfranchisement Association. To me this looks like retrogression, and our motto is *advance*. If we believe the franchise is woman's right, shall we not seek to obtain it?

We cannot blind our eyes to the need of woman's voice in the laws that govern women. We need the woman-half of the race to be represented throughout the realm of government, because government should meet the wants of a two-fold humanity. The ages that have

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