

to that undertone of suffering, that comes welling up from the lives of other women, until we could no longer endure the strain. We have heard the Master say:

"Nay, no more folded hands!  
For I have need of thee, to teach, to pray—  
To warn, instruct and labor day by day.  
Thy needs God understands."

Beloved sisters, if at times the work seems too hard, the tempest too strong for you, if you look up in faith you will hear above the storm the still small voice—

"Beyond this darkness lies the perfect day,  
In every path of thine I lead the way."  
"What if the Master came to-night and called your name,  
Asking how many sheaves your hands had made?  
If at the Lord's commands  
You showed but empty hands,  
Condemned your dreaming soul would stand dismayed."

Ought we not rather to rejoice that we are counted worthy to do this work for Him? Since last we met in Convention it was my privilege to attend the National Convention held in New York as one of your delegates. The other delegates are present, who, with myself, were treated with every courtesy by our sisters over the line. It was a great delight to listen to so many gifted women and to their wonderful leader, Francis E. Willard, the most notable woman of the nineteenth century. If at first we felt a little awed by the magnitude of their work in comparison with ours, and the number of their workers, we soon learned that they, too, had many difficulties to contend with. The white ribbon woman's path is not one of roses in any country, and while we may strive to emulate those sisters in all good works, we may also profit a little by their experience. The lesson for me at that Convention was to keep out of politics. Let there never be any grounds for the charge that "the Woman's Christian Temperance Union is a political body"—not in our organization. Many of our American sisters believe, as I do, in this respect, and would be glad if the political plank had never entered their platform. Let us strictly adhere to our title "*The Woman's Christian Temper-*