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Mrs. Ella F. M. Williams, President of the Dominion W. C. T. U., whose death occurred at her home, Montreal, on Thursday morning, March 28th, honored the trust reposed in her by her co-workers. By birth and education she was qualified to lead her sisters in the great reform to which the White Ribbon women have addressed themselves. She was of Puritan stock, and her father, the Rev. N. S. Dickenson, of Massachusetts, always took an active part in temperance work. Upon her arrival in Montreal, in 1876, she and her husband, Mr. C. T. Williams, identified themselves with Christian work in connection with Emmanuel Congregational church. She was one of the original Board of the Montreal W. C. T. U., formed in 1883, and was appointed first Superintendent of Social work in connection with the Quebec Provincial Union, organized the same year. In 1887, she accepted the Provincial Superintendency of the Flower Mission department; in 1890, was elected Recording Secretary of the Provincial Union; and at the Ottawa convention of the Dominion Union, held in 1892, was chosen, greatly to her surprise, to the responsible office whose duties she so faithfully discharged up to the time of her death.

Heredity and environment united to produce in this instance one of the best furnished of the many earnest and efficient workers in the field of Christian and Social reform. She applied herself most diligently and conscientiously to discharge the various tasks assigned her and acquired an administrative skill which excited the admiration of her co-laborers. Mrs. Williams' gifts were known and appreciated beyond our own borders. At the formation of the World's Union she was chosen to fill the office of Treasurer, in which capacity she became most favorably known to the women workers throughout the world.

Her death was the result of an accident which happened nearly a year ago. Though confined to her home for months, she bore her sufferings with Christian resignation, preserved her deep interest in the great work committed to her trust, nor ceased to labor for it, according to the measure of her strength, up almost to the hour of her death. The funeral which took place on Friday afternoon, March 29th, was, by her request, a quiet one. Undue signs of mourning were excluded. Her coffin stood in her sunny parlor window, just where her friends had been wont to see her sit, a bright, alert, busy figure at her desk, among her flowers; at her finger-tips the current details of temperance and mission work the world over. The coffin and a table near by were loaded with floral emblems. On the head of the sealed casket, in a silver frame, stood her photograph, surrounded by the flowers she loved. It was characteristic of her that she wished to be remembered by her friends not in death but in life.

The religious exercises were conducted by her pastor, the Rev. J. B. Sillcox, assisted by the Rev. Principal Harbour.

## The Christian Piracy of the Times.

"The priests who accompanied the pirate ships of the sixteenth century, to say mass and prayers for the souls of the dead pirates for a share of the spoil, were not a whit more superstitious or guilty of human blood, according to the light of their teaching, than Protestant leaders who flatter the ghastly philanthropy of men who have heaped their colossal fortunes upon the bodies of their brothers."—Rev. George D. Herron, D.D.

## Religious Aspect of Politics.

"How we believe in Christ is shown not by what we say about Him, nor by the temples we build in His honor, nor by the hymns we sing in His praise, but by the extent to which we succeed in restoring in man the lost image of God. The tramp is Christ's brother, the harlot, is Christ's sister. These are the images which we have made of Christ. When once this idea is firmly grasped, when the condition of our fellow-citizens is recognized as the test of the measure of our faith in Christ, the religious aspect of civic politics acquires a new and supreme importance."—William T. Stead.

## The Root of the Matter.

"In the manifestation of the Son of man is the ground of the redemptive life of humanity. It affirms the principle that no man liveth and no man dieth to himself. It sets forth the organic relations of human society. It is alone in righteousness and freedom that there is laid the ground of the enduring order and development of human society."—Elisha Mulford.

## Larger View of Christ.

"The church's conception of her mission has been far too narrow. Her all absorbing aim, when well enough awake to be in earnest, has been to bring individual souls into right relation with God, to rescue as many as possible from a wrecked and slaking world. It has hardly dawned upon her as yet that her commission includes the saving of the wreck itself, the quieting of its confusion and struggle, the relief of its wretchedness, a deliverance from its destruction. No greater service can be rendered to the church to-day than to give her a truer, larger vision of Christ."—Rev. Josiah Strong, D.D.

—Read "The Weekly Templar."