



Frances E. Willard

A woman of Culture

A Suffragist

An Educator

The Master Organizer

SHE BECAME

A FAMOUS WOMAN

A Woman of Culture

M.S., Northwestern Female College, 1859
Le Petit Sorbonne, 1868
University of Paris, 1868

Two and a half years of foreign travel, 1868-1870

M.A., Syracuse University, 1871

LL.D., Ohio Wesleyan, 1894

A Woman Suffragist

Frances Willard was co-founder with Susan B. Anthony and May Wright Sewall of the National Council of Women, 1888

More than 100 years ago she advocated:
an eight hour day
courts of conciliation and arbitration
justice as opposed to greed of gain

An Educator

Frances Willard was the first woman college president to confer degrees upon women, 1872, Evanston College for Ladies

First Dean of Women,
Northwestern University

Professor of Esthetics,
Northwestern University

Preceptress,
Pittsburgh Female College

Genesee Wesleyan, Lima, New York

President, Northwestern Female College

Kankakee Academy



While Dean of Women at Northwestern University, Frances Willard initiated the honor system in school government, thus anticipating by an entire generation the self-government now popular in American educational institutions.

Frances E. Willard

has had more memorials erected in her honor, it is said, than any other woman.

Dozens of schoolhouses
Endowed scholarships
Sorority house
College dormitories
Hospital rooms
A hotel
A settlement house
Homes for Girls
Endowed rooms
Memorial Church
Stained glass windows
Columbaria
Placques—Busts—Statues
Fountains—Trees—Streets

Buildings and halls in many parts of the world

She became

First President of the National Council of Women
1888

National president, Alpha Phi 1888-89

One of the first five women lay members to be elected
to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. 1887

National President WCTU 1879-1898

Founder, World's WCTU 1883
(*First international organization of women*)

Member of the Board of Trustees, Northwestern University 1892-1896

Member, Board of Lady Commissioners, World's Columbian Exposition 1893

1898, Seventh Continental Congress of the DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION mourned "the death of one of its most distinguished members."

FRANCES E. WILLARD

A name that "stands for a cause not bounded by state or country but one that appeals to the human interest of the civilized world."

A FAMOUS WOMAN

Frances E. Willard

Statuary Hall,
U.S. Capitol Building,
Washington, D.C.

The first woman
so honored

“She knew the power of banded ill,
But felt that love was stronger still,
And organized for doing good
The world’s united womanhood.”

—*John Greenleaf Whittier*



“I knew her for a period of about twenty-five years, having met her shortly after her return from her first trip abroad. She was a most remarkable, a most extra-ordinary woman in every respect. She was a bunch of magnetism, possessing that occult force which all leaders must have. I never approached her but what I felt my nerves tingle from this magnetism. She had a great depth of understanding. Her brain was developed in a wonderful manner. She seemed to have the power, so seldom possessed, to take in everything at once.”

—*Susan B. Anthony*

“Frances E. Willard was the greatest woman philanthropist of our generation. I do not hesitate at the use of this word ‘greatest’. I am persuaded that when the annals of the nineteenth century are written her name will stand pre-eminent as the one who saw with a keen prophetic eye ahead of her time, and who furnished the women, not only of a great continent but the world over, with a just realization of their rightful position, by her safe-guarding gospel: ‘Womanliness first — afterward, what you will.’ ”

—*Lady Henry Somerset*

FRANCES E. WILLARD
was chosen one of twelve famous women
of the century 1833-1933
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